



CHENEY-ARMSTRONG POST # 5 NH

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Dear Post 5 Members,

July 1st, 2018

July 1st: Post meeting

July 4th: 10:00-11:00 The annual July 4th ceremony with a flag raising and reading of the Declaration of Independence. Kick off your Independence Day with a tradition 91 years at the Monadnock Center for History and Culture on Grove St. The guest speaker is Phil Runyon of Peterborough.

The Officers of the Post wish everyone a safe and wonderful 4th of July ☺

September 2nd: Post Potluck picnic at MacDowell Dam at noon. Rain or Shine. Dress warmly. The plan is to have hamburgers and hot dogs this year.

November 11th: Veterans' Day will celebrate Armistice Day which began in 1918 a hundred years ago. Join the Post at All Saints Church at 9 am for the Remembrance Service, with coffee and donuts after. Then muster at Veterans' Way and march into the Peterborough Town House which was built in 1918 for the rest of the ceremony. Uniforms are not necessary!!!!!!

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

Post Everlasting: Edith Cora Yoe of Dublin died on June 16th, 2018 at the age of 98. She was the Mother of member **William Yoe** of Dublin. She met and married James Yoe in 1942 in Florida where Jim was stationed in the Army. She had two daughters and two sons and felt her family was everything. The Post donated \$25.00 to the Bridgton Public Library in Bridgton, Maine.

Sick Call: **Richard Alan Day Jr.** of Leonardtown MD; **Andy Benoit, Pat Birt,** Alice and **David Geoffrey;** **John Jordan,** and Kathryn and **Larry Schongar** all of Peterborough; **Arthur Pendleton** and **Raymond Lee** of Temple; **Cles Staples** of Dublin; **Jose Garcia** of Hancock;

Wayne and **Dee** visited Peterborough native **George Eastman** who currently lives at an Assisted Living Place in Portland Maine to be close to his son Mark. George who is 100 years old had gone out Sea Kayaking that week in Portland Harbor. He looked great. George lost his Peterborough High

School sweetheart Fern three years ago. They were married the weekend of the 1938 Hurricane and were married for 75 years.

New Members: Anthony F. Brown, of Peterborough, Korea, Submariner and **Judson D. Hale**, of Peterborough, Cold War, Army;

Dear Members of Post 5,

Thank you so much for the great opportunity. At times it was intense but overall I learned so much about government and politics and I've made some lifelong connections and friends. I cannot thank you enough for supporting me through this experience.

Sincerely, August.

Dear Post 5 Veterans,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your generous donation.

We are a small transitional house for homeless veterans. As you may know, we have made the decision not to accept any state of federal funding so we are able to serve our Veterans with no "red tape" and maintain our zero- tolerance policy regarding drug and alcohol use. Instead, we rely solely on the generous support of people like you.

On behalf of all the Veterans that we serve and the Liberty House team I want to thank you for your donation. If you are ever interested in visiting Liberty House to see our operation please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely, Jeffrey S. Nelson Executive Director jeff@libertyhousenh.org 603-669-0761 ext. 1001

Thank you ! *The Peterborough Fire and Rescue Association thanks you for your kind and generous donation of \$25.00 in memory of Joseph Lessard.*

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! Jennifer Sandlin President of PFRA

Thank you! *To the Cheney-Armstrong Post 5,*

6/17/18

Thank you for your generous donation of \$100.00 for the spring fire fundraiser. Your support is greatly appreciated by the men and women of the PFRA, and the communities that we serve.

Sincerely, Jennifer Sandlin President of PFRA

Dear Post 5 Cheney-Armstrong,

Please know that we consider you to be important and special friends of the Food Pantry. Our commitment to Veterans remains strong--we will offer and deliver food to any local Veteran, anytime by arrangement.

We are grateful when you are able to make donations to us, like you did in December, especially knowing that sometimes it's a stretch for your organization.

Once again, please extend our sincere thanks to your entire membership, and the next time we write a big thank you note to the Ledger, we will be sure to include you.

With appreciation for all you do,

Chris Mann
President, Board of Directors
Peterborough Food Pantry

In the past the Post was giving canned goods to the Peterborough Food Pantry each meeting month. Would the members who are coming to the meeting try to bring some canned goods for part of our contribution to the Pantry? **Remember we are Veterans helping Veterans!**

Membership: The Post passed its all-time high which was 204 members on Memorial Day. The State says that we have 210 but our records show 207. If everyone paid their 2019 dues we would have 197 right now. We are currently collecting 2019 dues which are \$35.00 and you can make a check out to Post 5 NH and mail it to Cheney-Armstrong Post 5, PO Box 172, Peterborough NH 03458. National will be sending bills out this month but Wayne has received your cards from National. As you know this is a lot of work for Wayne, Dick and Dee and it helps if Membership all comes in at once. We currently have 35 who have paid their dues plus 9 PUFL's. Thank you 😊

June 3rd, 2018 Meeting: There were 10 Post members and one Auxiliary member at the meeting. At the meeting the Post was pleasantly surprised with a check for \$10,000.00 from the estate of Jocklyn Armstrong Carter. Jocklyn passed away a little over a year ago and it was her request and her husband Tim's that this money be put into the Scholarship Fund in her name. At the moment it is sitting in our checking account because Dick is working with People's bank with an investment advisor who is going to help us put it in a CD.

John reported that next Memorial Day parade in Temple a Sea Cadet is going to give the Memorial Day speech.

During the meeting the Post also received \$100 for the poppy fund and \$50 for the scholarship Fund.

On Thursday June 21st, Wayne presented the American Legion Award to an eighth grade Boy and Girl at South Meadow School for overall Excellence. (They have outstanding qualities in the areas of citizenship, cooperativeness, reliability, leadership and attitude, personal and social growth.) The recipients of this award were Harrison "Harry" Clark of Temple and Emma Carpenter of Dublin. Emma's father Justin told us that in 2009 Wayne presented the American Legion award to Lauren Mackey, of Dublin, who is Emma's cousin. Lauren has graduated from college and is currently working on her master's.

Thank you to John Sewell, Judson Hale, Clifford Jarest, and Jeff Allen who gave money to the Scholarship and poppy funds.

Monadnock Squadron has completed its drill cycle for 2017-18; it will not have a regular drill weekend until September. During July, many cadets will be away at training, either staffing or attending recruit training at Fort Devens. During August, South Meadow School is unavailable while preparations are made for the new school year. However, the squadron may participate in some capacity when the Moving Wall visits Amherst between 19 and 23 July. On Saturday, the highlight was a presentation by Post 5 member Owen Mueller about his adventures in the army while progressing from E-1 to O-6 (private to colonel). Cadets said they would love to have similar sessions in the future. On Sunday, former CPO Patrick LaRoche, who graduated from Conval on Saturday, "retired" from the

program — briefly — before being promoted to midshipman. That rank is reserved for former Sea Cadets between ages 18 and 21 who wish to continue serving in the Sea Cadets. Midn LaRoche is planning to join the Marine Corps in the future. Respectfully submitted, John Franklin

Member Barry Thomas' daughter Briley was nominated for Girls' Nation in Tennessee. She is **Wayne Thomas'** niece.

***To All:** I would like to thank all that attended our Department Convention, this weekend. We elected 3 new and a current Vice Commander for our upcoming year.*

I'm looking forward to serving as your Commander for the 2018-2019 year; The American Legion's 100th Birthday.

We have a lot of work ahead of us, so let's all work together and make New Hampshire a goal setting State.

I would like to tell you a little bit about my project for the coming year.

My project is Hero Pups.

Hero Pups is a New Hampshire-based 501(c)3 charity. They are based out of Stratham, New Hampshire.

Their mission is to place pups with veterans and first responders and their focus is (PTSD) post-traumatic stress, anxiety and service-connected challenges. By using shelter and rescue pups whenever possible, they are able to help relieve the symptoms while helping a rescue pup in the process.

Their mission is to acquire and train dogs that have the potential to successfully undergo and complete the rigorous training that allows them to assist our veterans and first responders, thus increasing their independence and peace of mind.

They are based in NH but also serve heroes all around New England.

As an all-volunteer organization, they have dedicated their program to put every dollar raised to go directly into taking care of their pups.

Please visit their website at www.heropups.com or follow them on Facebook.

Forever Grateful and In Comradeship

Emil Ouellette

Department of New Hampshire

Department Commander

As a rule the Post gives \$100 to the incoming state commander's project. The Post will vote on it at the July meeting. The Auxiliary has contributed \$50 to the project.

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

Member **Laurence Foley** pointed out some mistakes with our reporting of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier so a friend of his named Tom looked it up at the Arlington National Cemetery website-arlingtoncemetery.mil/Explore/Tomb-of-the-Unknown-soldier



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery stands atop a hill overlooking Washington, D.C. On March 4, 1921, Congress approved the burial of an unidentified American soldier from World War I in the plaza of the new Memorial Amphitheater.

The white marble sarcophagus has a flat-faced form and is relieved at the corners and along the sides by neo-classic pilasters, or columns, set into the surface. Sculpted into the east panel which faces Washington, D.C., are three Greek figures representing Peace, Victory, and Valor. The six wreaths, three sculpted on each side, represent the six major campaigns of World War I. Inscribed on the back of the Tomb are the words:

Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God

The Tomb sarcophagus was placed above the grave of the Unknown Soldier of World War I. West of the World War I Unknown are the crypts of unknowns from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Those three graves are marked with white marble slabs flush with the plaza.

The Unknown of World War I

On Memorial Day, 1921, four unknowns were exhumed from four World War I American cemeteries in France. U.S. Army Sgt. Edward F. Younger, who was wounded in combat, highly decorated for valor and received the Distinguished Service Medal in "The Great War, the war to end all wars," selected the Unknown Soldier of World War I from four identical caskets at the city hall in Chalons-sur-Marne, France, Oct. 24, 1921. Sgt. Younger selected the unknown by placing a spray of white roses on one of the caskets. He chose the third casket from the left. The chosen Unknown Soldier was transported to the United States aboard the USS Olympia. Those remaining were interred in the Meuse Argonne Cemetery, France.

The Unknown Soldier lay in state in the Capitol Rotunda from his arrival in the United States until Armistice Day, 1921. On Nov. 11, 1921, President Warren G. Harding officiated at the interment ceremonies at the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Unknown of World War II and Korea

On Aug. 3, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill to select and pay tribute to the unknowns of World War II and Korea. The selection ceremonies and the interment of these unknowns took place in 1958. The World War II Unknown was selected from remains exhumed from cemeteries in Europe, Africa, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Two unknowns from World War II, one from the European Theater and one from the Pacific Theater, were placed in identical caskets and taken aboard the USS Canberra, a guided-missile cruiser resting off the Virginia capes. Navy Hospitalman 1st Class William R. Charette, then the Navy's only active-duty

Medal of Honor recipient, selected the Unknown Soldier of World War II. The remaining casket received a solemn burial at sea.

Four unknown Americans who died in the Korean War were disinterred from the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. Army Master Sgt. Ned Lyle made the final selection. Both caskets arrived in Washington May 28, 1958, where they lay in the Capitol Rotunda until May 30.

That morning, they were carried on caissons to Arlington National Cemetery. President Eisenhower awarded each the Medal of Honor, and the Unknowns were interred in the plaza beside their World War I comrade.

The Unknown of Vietnam

The Unknown service member from the Vietnam War was designated by Medal of Honor recipient U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Allan Jay Kellogg Jr. during a ceremony at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, May 17, 1984. The Vietnam Unknown was transported aboard the USS Brewton to Alameda Naval Base, Calif. The remains were sent to Travis Air Force Base, Calif., May 24. The Vietnam Unknown arrived at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., the next day. Many Vietnam veterans and President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan visited the Vietnam Unknown in the U.S. Capitol. An Army caisson carried the Vietnam Unknown from the Capitol to the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 28, 1984. President Reagan presided over the funeral, and presented the Medal of Honor to the Vietnam Unknown.

The president also acted as next of kin by accepting the interment flag at the end of the ceremony. The interment flags of all Unknowns at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier are on view in the Memorial Display Room. The Memorial Bridge leading from Washington, D.C., to Virginia was lined with a joint-service cordon as the remains of the Vietnam War Unknown were taken by motor escort to Arlington National Cemetery for interment in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The remains of the Vietnam Unknown were exhumed May 14, 1998. Based on mitochondrial DNA testing, DoD scientists identified the remains as those of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, who was shot down near An Loc, Vietnam, in 1972. It has been decided that the crypt that contained the remains of the Vietnam Unknown will remain vacant. The crypt cover has been replaced with one that has the inscription "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen, 1958-1975."

The Changing of the Guard

Changing of the Guard Ritual

The guard is changed every hour on the hour October 1 to March 31 in an elaborate ritual. From April 1 through September 30, there are more than double the opportunities to view the change because another change is added on the half hour and the cemetery closing time moves from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

An impeccably uniformed relief commander appears on the plaza to announce the Changing of the Guard. Soon the new sentinel leaves the Quarters and unlocks the bolt of his or her M-14 rifle to signal to the relief commander to start the ceremony. The relief commander walks out to the Tomb and salutes, then faces the spectators and asks them to stand and stay silent during the ceremony.

The relief commander conducts a detailed white-glove inspection of the weapon, checking each part of the rifle once. Then, the relief commander and the relieving sentinel meet the retiring sentinel at the center of the matted path in front of the Tomb. All three salute the Unknown who have been symbolically given the Medal of Honor. Then the relief commander orders the relieved sentinel, "Pass on your orders." The current sentinel commands, "Post and orders, remain as directed." The newly

posted sentinel replies, "Orders acknowledged," and steps into position on the black mat. When the relief commander passes by, the new sentinel begins walking at a cadence of 90 steps per minute. The Tomb Guard marches 21 steps down the black mat behind the Tomb, turns, faces east for 21 seconds, turns and faces north for 21 seconds, then takes 21 steps down the mat and repeats the process. After the turn, the sentinel executes a sharp "shoulder-arms" movement to place the weapon on the shoulder closest to the visitors to signify that the sentinel stands between the Tomb and any possible threat. Twenty-one was chosen because it symbolizes the highest military honor that can be bestowed -- the 21-gun salute.

Duty time when not "walking" is spent in the Tomb Guard Quarters below the Memorial Display Room of the Memorial Amphitheater where they study cemetery "knowledge," clean their weapons and help the rest of their relief prepare for the Changing of the Guard. The guards also train on their days off. The Guards of Honor at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier are highly motivated and are proud to honor all American service members who are "Known But to God."

Sentinels of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and in any weather by Tomb Guard sentinels. Sentinels, all volunteers, are considered to be the best of the elite 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), headquartered at Fort Myer, Virginia.

After members of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment become ceremonially qualified, they are eligible to volunteer for duty as sentinels at the Tomb. If accepted, they are assigned to Company E of The Old Guard. Each soldier must be in superb physical

condition, possess an unblemished military record and be between 5 feet, 10 inches and 6 feet, 4 inches tall for males or 5 feet, 8 inches and 6 feet, 2 inches tall for females with a proportionate weight and build. An interview and a two-week trial to determine a volunteer's capability to train as a tomb guard is required.

During the trial phase, would-be sentinels memorize seven pages of Arlington National Cemetery history. This information must be recited verbatim in order to earn a "walk." A walk occurs between guard changes. A daytime walk is one-half hour in the summer and one hour in the winter. All night walks are one hour.

If a soldier passes the first training phase, "new-soldier" training begins. New sentinels learn the history of Arlington National Cemetery and the grave locations of nearly 300 veterans. They learn the guard-change ceremony and the manual of arms that takes place during the inspection portion of the Changing of the Guard. Sentinels learn to keep their uniforms and weapons in immaculate condition.

The sentinels will be tested to earn the privilege of wearing the silver Tomb Guard Identification Badge after several months of serving. First, they are tested on their manual of arms, uniform preparation and their walks. Then, the Badge Test is given. The test is 100 randomly selected questions of the 300 items memorized during training on the history of Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The would-be badge holder must get more than 95 percent correct to succeed.

The Tomb Guard Identification Badge is a temporary award until the badge-holding sentinel has honorably served at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for nine months. At that time, the award can be made a permanent badge, which may then be worn for the rest of a military career. The silver badge is an upside-down, laurel-leaf wreath surrounding a depiction of the front face of the Tomb. Peace,

Victory and Valor are portrayed as Greek figures. The words "Honor Guard" are shown below the Tomb on the badge.

There are three reliefs, each having one relief commander and about six sentinels. The three reliefs are divided by height so that those in each guard change ceremony look similar. The sentinels rotate walks every hour in the winter and at night, and every half-hour in the day during the summer. The Tomb Guard Quarters is staffed using a rotating Kelly system. Each relief has the following schedule: first day on, one day off, second day on, one day off, third day on, four days off. Then, their schedule repeats.

3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment

The **3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment**, traditionally known as "The Old Guard," is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving our nation since 1784.

The Old Guard is the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the president, and it also provides security for Washington, D.C., in time of national emergency or civil disturbance.

The unit received its unique name from Gen. Winfield Scott during a victory parade at Mexico City in 1847 following its valorous performance in the Mexican War. Fifty campaign streamers attest to the 3rd Infantry's long history of service, which spans from the Battle of Fallen Timbers to World War II and Vietnam.

Since World War II, The Old Guard has served as the official Army Honor Guard and escort to the president. In that capacity, 3rd Infantry soldiers are responsible for the conduct of military ceremonies at the White House, the Pentagon, national memorials and elsewhere in the nation's capital. In addition, soldiers of The Old Guard maintain a 24-hour vigil at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, provide military funeral escorts at Arlington National Cemetery and participate in parades at Fort Myer and Fort Lesley J. McNair.

Along with these duties, The Old Guard presents historic theatrical productions to audiences in the Washington, D.C., area. One show, "Twilight Tattoo," is presented weekly during the summer on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. The show is free and open to the public.

The Old Guard annually participates in more than 6,000 ceremonies, an average of 16 per day.

Despite this arduous schedule, The Old Guard continuously prepares for its security and infantry missions by conducting year-round training, culminating in a rigorous evaluation of unit tactical proficiency. Because of this, all soldiers are as familiar with traditional infantry or military-police duties as they are with ceremonial duties.

The black-and-tan "buff strap" worn on the left shoulder by each member of the 3rd Infantry is a replica of the knapsack strap used by 19th-century predecessors of the unit to display its distinctive colors and distinguish its members from other Army units. The present buff strap continues to signify an Old Guard soldier's pride in personal appearance and precision performance that has marked the unit for 200 years.

A further distinction of The Old Guard is the time-honored custom of passing in review with fixed bayonets at all parades. This practice, officially sanctioned by the War Department in 1922, dates to the Mexican War in 1847 when the 3rd Infantry led a successful bayonet charge against the enemy at Cerro Gordo. Today, this distinction is still reserved for The Old Guard alone.

Memorial Amphitheater



The Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA, was dedicated on May 15, 1920. While many ceremonies are conducted throughout the country, many consider the services at Arlington's Memorial Amphitheater to be the nation's official ceremonies to honor all American service members who serve to keep the United States free.

About 5,000 visitors attend each of the three major annual memorial services in the Amphitheater. They take place Easter, Memorial Day and Veterans Day and are sponsored by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington. The Easter Sunrise Service begins at 6 a.m. Memorial Day and Veterans Day services always begin at 11 a.m. Many military organizations also conduct annual memorial services in the amphitheater.

The Memorial Amphitheater was the dream of Judge Ivory G. Kimball,

who wished to have a place to assemble and honor the American defenders.

Because of Kimball's campaign, Congress authorized its construction March 4, 1913. Judge Kimball participated in the ground-breaking ceremony March 1, 1915, but did not live to see his dream completed. Ivory Kimball died May 15, 1916, and was buried in Section 3 of the cemetery, near the Memorial Amphitheater he campaigned to build. President Woodrow Wilson placed its cornerstone Oct. 13, 1915.

One copy of the following items is sealed inside the box placed in the cornerstone that day:

The Bible

The Declaration of Independence

The U.S. Constitution

U.S. Flag (1915)

Designs and plans for the amphitheater

L'Enfant's map design of the city of Washington, D.C.

Autograph of the amphitheater commission

One of each U.S. coin in use in 1915

One of each U.S. postage stamp in use in 1915

1914 map of Washington, D.C.

The Congressional Directory

Boyd's City Directory for the District of Columbia

Autographed photo of President Woodrow Wilson

The cornerstone dedication program

The Evening Star newspaper account of the ceremonies, and the campaign to build the Amphitheater



The Amphitheater is constructed mainly of Vermont-quarried Danby marble. The marble in the Memorial Display Room is imported Botticino, a stone mined in Italy. The Memorial Display Room, between the amphitheater and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, houses plaques and other tributes presented in honor of the four service members interred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A small chapel is beneath the Amphitheater stage. The names of 44 U.S. battles from the American Revolution through the Spanish-American War are inscribed around the frieze above the colonnade. The names of 14 U.S. Army generals and 14 U.S. Navy admirals prior to World War I are inscribed on each side

of the amphitheater stage.

The following, from then-General George Washington's June 26, 1775, letter to the Provincial Congress is inscribed inside the apse:

"When we assumed the soldier we did not lay aside the citizen."

The following, from President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is inscribed above the stage:

"We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

A quote from Horace's Ode III, 2, 13 is etched above the west entrance of the Memorial Amphitheater.

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori,"

Translated from the Latin it reads:

"It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country."

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Wanted old post pictures to be added to the Vintage section of our Website: legionpost5nh.com

Thank you Jeffrey Householder for taking care of the website.

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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, Auxiliary and their guests are welcome ☺

Please remember that politics are not welcome at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne E. Thomas,