

SOUTH BERWICK MEMORIAL POST 5744



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Yearbook**

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South Berwick, Maine

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VFW History

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, with its Auxiliaries, include 2.2 million members in approximately 8,100 posts worldwide.

Its mission is to honor the dead by helping the living, through veteran's service, community service, national security and a strong national defense.

The VFW traces its roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or Veterans pension for them and they were left to care for themselves.

In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations with what would become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. After chapters were formed in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, the movement quickly gained momentum. By 1915, membership grew to 5,000; by 1936, membership was almost 200,000.

Since then, the VFW's voice had been instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI bill for the 20th century, the development of national cemetery system and the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to agent orange and for veterans diagnosed with gulf war syndrome. In 2008, VFW won a long-fought victory with passing of a GI bill for the 21st Century, giving expanded education benefits to America's active-duty service members, and members of the Guard and Reserves, fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The VFW also has fought for improving VA medical centers services for women veterans.

Besides helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korea War, World War II and women in Military Service memorials, the VFW in 2005 became the first veterans organization to contribute to building the new Disabled Veterans for life Memorial, which is being constructed in Washington, D.C., and is expected to open in 2010.

In 2001, VFW unveiled its tribute to service and country with its dedication of Centennial Plaza.

Annually, VFW members and its Auxiliary contribute more than 13 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in Make A Difference and National Volunteer Week.

From providing \$2.5 Million in college scholarships to high school students every year to encouraging elevation of the Veterans Administration to the President's cabinet, the VFW is there--honoring the dead by helping the living

Historian (and Junior Vice) Robert Place was born and raised on a dairy farm in the neighboring town of North Berwick and lives there today. He served three years in the United States Army, stationed primarily in Korea.. His father, born in Dover, New Hampshire joined the Navy in 1923 and served until 1928, returning to North Berwick to start the dairy farm. His Mother was born in North Berwick and her ancestry goes back more than two centuries in the area.

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News Letter South Berwick VFW Post 5744

Registered in February 24, 1946

SOUTH BERWICK MEMORIAL POST, NO. 5744

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.
SOUTH BERWICK, MAINE 03908

Commander: Gary Spaulding
207-384-2420



Meets 2nd Tuesday at 6 pm
Mayo's Family Restaurant,
Sommersworth, NH

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Aug 22 Post 5744 VFW picnic at Malcom Kenneys (Rain day Aug 23)
2. Sept 8- Monthly meeting, 6 PM at Mayo's
3. Oct 13- Monthly meeting, 6 pm at Mayo's
4. Sept/Oct/Nov- Sale of 50/50 tickets for fall fund raiser
5. Nov 7.- POPPY Drive-at Rt 4 Bridge.

Picnic: Sat Aug 22-at Malcoms house in South Berwick, starts at 2 PM. Bring the whole family including kids. We are doing something a little different this year by asking you to invite any Veterans you know to come. We want to thank them for their service and let them know we have an active Post here in South Berwick. Please RSVP (207-384-2605) so we know how many Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Buns, etc to purchase. Everyone from "A to M" please bring a salad of some type & "N to Z" a dessert. A fold up chair would be handy also. Come & have a relaxing afternoon visiting. Would like to discuss & vote on an idea to have a drawing next May (prize of \$100.00?) Your name will be entered in the drawing each time you recruit a new member this year.

SINCE LAST LETTER: The Banquet in May was well attended by members & their better half. We enjoyed good food & fellowship. The flags were all placed for Memorial Day & the parade went well on a beautiful day. Heard one person comment it was a Rockwell moment. Our booth at the Strawberry Festival sold lots of water & the coffee (hot & cold) also sold well. Many thanks to Glen Johnson for all the time he put into making & selling coffee & connecting us with the Carpe Deum Co who loaned us the equipment. Also want to thank Ray Brunelle for staying so long fishing the water bottles out of the ice tank. The water is so cold it's downright painful to stick your hand in & Ray was there most of the day..

Troop Greeters: The troops have continued to come through Pease and our Post has continued to be well represented among the Greeters. Great work guys. Flight info is on the Hot Line, 1-800-766-0502 or give your e-mail to Malcolm so he can send a blast when he gets the word.

Post Jackets/Shirts: If you want one call, Deb & Duke in Berwick...207-698-4444. Give them the size, Post 5744 that goes under the VFW logo and name that you want on right side.

Next meeting: Sept 8 at Mayo's 6 pm. Hope to see you all there. Also bring any projects you would like to see started so we can discuss them.

Dues: All members that have paid their dues by Sept 30 will be entered into a state drawing for "Life Membership" Two "Life Memberships" will be given out by the State. So please get your dues paid and you might win a Life Membership.

Raffle: We will be selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle again this year so see/call Clint Schoff (207-384-4101) to get your tickets or pick them up at the picnic.

Medical: If anyone has any medical items like walkers, wheelchairs, beds, etc. Our post, and the American Legion in Rollinsford could use them as there are folks around needing some help.

If you know of anyone getting shipped overseas let either Ma, Dave or I know and we will get a care package sent to them.

Respectfully
Gary Spaulding
Post Commander

VFW Post No. 5744 Annual First Meeting

August 22, 2009

On Saturday, August 22, the VFW had their first meeting and picnic at Malcolm Kenny's. We had a great turn out and lots of good food. The rain almost got us but ended so we could have the picnic and our first meeting of the year.



(l-r) () Front row) Mark Pilgrim, Malcolm Kenney, (Adjutant), Nicholas Tsakiris (Senior Vice) Gary Mayo, Raymond Brunelle, Glen Johnson, Bill Winners, Kenneth Goodwin, James Reilley (Back Row), John Elwell, Rudolph Mayo, Girard Vaillancourt, Robert Place (Jr Vice), Dan Hildreth, Gary Spaulding (Cdr), Mac Maclain, Bruce Brown (Chaplain), John Ford, Clinton Schoff, Roger Guptill, George Davison, Robert Leister. (Kenny photo)

VFW Post No. 5744 Annual First Meeting (Cont'd)



Flag display at Malcolm Kenney's home, set up for the First meeting by Nicholas Tsakiris 1st Vice Commander. (Kenny photo)

Members of the VFW Post No. 5744 getting ready for the picture in front of Flag Display. (Kenney Photo)



(l-r) Girard Vaillancourt, Rudolph Mayo, Audrey Vaillancourt, Phyllis Place, hidden by June Guptill. Everyone just relaxing and enjoying the day (Kenny Photo)

VFW Post No. 5744 Annual First Meeting (Cont'd)



Richard Filliettaz (Service Officer) and Rusty Wicker (Commander) VFW Post No 6977 York Beach Dropped in for a visit these two are very active in their post. Always looking for ways to make things run better. (Place Photo)

Robert Place at the grill. The Beer Brutts, boiled in beer and onions for 20 minutes, then set in the broth for at least one hour and cooked on the grill, were a big hit along with chicken, hamburger, and hot dogs. We also had many other dishes and deserts all home made. The food was great and plenty for everyone. (Davidson photo)



Ray Brunelle and Gerard Vaillancourt just relaxing and enjoying the day.

VFW Post No. 5744 Annual First Meeting (Cont'd)



(l side-r side) Sally Tsakiris, Barbara Nickel, Glen Johnson, Kenny Goodwin, Marion Goodwin, Sallyanne Kenney, Sue Davison, and Mary Kenney

(l-r) Nicholas Tsakiris, (Senior Vice), Bruce Brown, (Chaplain) Pauline Ford, Nancy Brown, and John Ford. (Davison photo)



(l-r) Ann Pilgrim, Bruce Brown, Nancy Brown, and Mac Maclain, Having a beer and enjoying the company (Davison photo)

VFW Post No. 5744 Annual First Meeting (Cont'd)



(l-r) Zelda Kenney, Mary Kenney, and Mark Kenney, checking out the food. (Davison photo)

(l-r) Dan Hildreth, Bruce brown, And Nicholas Tsakiris, enjoying the day. (Davison photo)



(l-r) Malcolm Kenney, (Adjutant), and Robert Place, (Historian and Jr Vice), taking a break. (Davison photo)

VFW Post No. 5744 Annual First Meeting (Cont'd)



(l-r) Kenneth Goodwin and wife Marion Goodwin enjoying the VFW picnic (Kenney photo)

(l-r) Commander Gary Spaulding (sitting in his chair, he fixed and brought from home) with Robert Lester (Kenney photo)



(l-r) Glen Johnson, behind him _____, and Kenneth Goodwin (Kenney photo)

VFW Post No. 5744 Annual First Meeting (Cont'd)



(l-r) Jr Vice Robert Place, the cook, Sr Vice Nicholas Tsakiris, Mark Pilgrim, and back to us is Mark Kenney (Kenney photo)



VFW Members visit one of their members



(l-r) Roger Guptill and Nicholas Tsakiris outside the Maine Veterans home in Scarborough, to visit Richard Bradburn, Member of VFW Post No 5744 South Berwick, Maine (Kenney photo)

(l-r) Malcolm Kenney, Richard Bradburn, Roger Guptill, and Nicholas Tsakiris all members of VFW Post No 5744 South Berwick, Maine (Kenney photo)



Roger expressing himself, trying to make Brad Laugh. Brad enjoyed the visit. He has been there for quite some time, but is improving. We need to get more of our members down to see Brad. (Kenney photo)

VFW Members visit one of their members (cont'd)



(l-r) Robert Place, and Paul Lapierre, at the Scarborough, Maine Veterans Home on Sept 8, 2009, to visit with Richard Bradburn. (Place photo)

(l-r) Richard Bradburn with Robert Place (Jr Vice) of VFW Post No 5744 South Berwick, Maine. Brad is doing real well and hopes to get home real soon. (Lapierre photo)



(l-r) Paul Lapierre, Service offices, for the VFW Post No 5744 South Berwick, Maine, with Richard Bradburn at the Veterans Home. Brad has had a very long illness. He has been in the home for weeks. Brad also told us that he is very pleased with how they have treated him. (Place photo)

VFW Post 5744 at Sam's Club in Seabrook NH



(l-r) Nicholas Tsakiris (Senior Vice), Rosie Evens Stuart, (manager) Sandy Hoelzl (the person we presented the certificate to) Kathy Capello (General Manager) Dan Woolworth (Manager), Robert Place (Junior Vice), and Malcolm Kenney (Adjutant). Sandy Hoelzl is our contact at Sams Club. When we need phone cards for the troops, items for the packages, or any help we need at Sam's club, Sandy takes care of it for us (Place photo)

, VFW Meeting on September 9, 2009 at Mayo's

First official meeting, for The VFW Post 5744, South Berwick, Maine for 2009-2010. We had 29 members present, with David Peterson transferring in from York Post. Even with the meeting canceled the day before, due to fire, we had a great turnout. Lots of Items to discuss, Phone cards, Poppy drive on the Bridge, and many other Things to do. The VFW is very active with the Pease Greeters. There will be from 10 to 20 of us there no matter what time the flight comes in.



(l-r) Commander Gary Spaulding and Christian Muentener, Sitting back to us (Place Photo)

l-r) Mark pilgrim, Girard Vaillancourt, and Roger Guptill. (Place photo)



George Davison, John Fogarty

VFW Meeting on September 9, 2009 (Cont'd)



Christian Muentener, Leon Davis (back to us), John Fogarty

David Peterson, Gary Spaulding



Malcolm Kenney

VFW Meeting on September 9,2009 (Cont'd)



, VFW Greeting the Soldiers at Pease

The VFW Post 5744 South Berwick, Maine, has been greeting the soldiers going and coming home during the Iraq war. The Marine League Started the program and the VFW got involved also. There will be from 10 to 20 of the VFW Members at each Flight, weather it is 2 am in the Morning or mid afternoon. There will be dogs, children. And many civilians all they're for one reason, To Honor our Soldiers. There is Coffee, Donuts, Cookies, Soda, Ice cream and free Phones for the Soldiers. We are up to 289 flights as of Oct 9 2009.



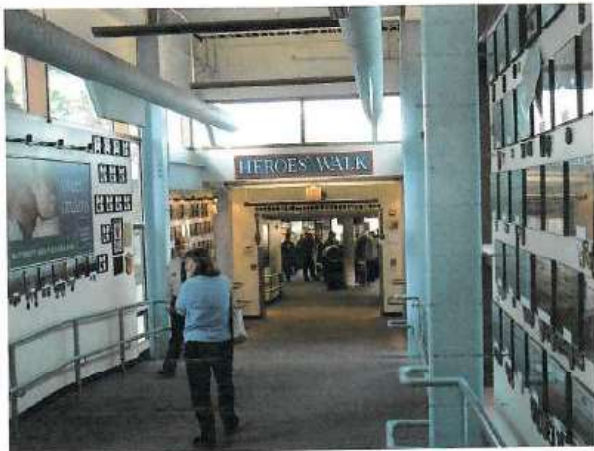
Phone at Pease, free, for the Soldiers. All they have to do is dial 9 and there number, and they can call anywhere in the country (Place- photo)

Refreshments set up for the soldiers no matter what time of day or night. (Place-photo)



Keurig Donates the machines, and all the coffee for the Soldiers and Pease greeters (Place-photo)

VFW Greeting the Soldiers at Pease (Cont'd)



This Hall leading down to the main lobby, is where every group that passes through Pease, get they group photo hung on the wall, along with their Unit path and Unit coin, placed under the photo. (Place-photo)

(L-r) John Elwell, Gerard Vaillancourt, Malcolm Kenney, all from VFW Post 56744 South Berwick talking with the soldier. Finding out where they are from, and where they are heading. (Place-photo)



Paul Lapierre Talking with two lady Soldiers, during the layover at Pease. (Place-photo)

VFW Greeting the Soldiers at Pease Cont'd



(L-r) Norm Hill, Charlie Nickels, Gary Mayo, (behind him) Kenneth Goodwin, Gerard Vaillancourt and Walt Wheeler. In the lower room Pease

Raymond Brunelle Talking with the soldier while they wait for the plane gets refueled. (Place-photo)



While waiting for the plane to get ready, Soldier talks with the greeters. (Place-photo)

VFW Greeting the Soldiers at Pease (Cont'd)



(L-r) Captain Biden and Walter Wheeler, around the 25th of September. This is Vice President Joe Biden's Son.

(L-r) Walt Wheeler, Gerard Vaillancourt, lined up in the corridor waiting for the Soldiers to come thru the doors with at least 100 other Pease Greeters.



(l-r) Sue Davison, and Walt Wheeler getting their picture taken with a Capitan Biden.

VFW Greeting the Soldiers at Pease (Cont'd)



(Signing the sweatshirts). Since the founder's of the Pease greeters went to Washington, to meet with President, and gave him a sweatshirt signed by the Pease greeters, they present the commanding Officer of the group a signed sweatshirt. (Place-photo)

Troops getting refreshments and standing around talking with the greeters (Place-photo)



The ceremony as they get ready to get back on the plane. The Soldiers are on the ground, from one hour to sometimes just a little while. We always get the finale ceremony in and send them on their way. (Place-photo)

VFW Greeting the Soldiers at Pease (Cont'd)



(L-r) Chuck Cove, Bob Heresy (behind) Ray Brunelle, Tenley Westbrook, (singing the National Anthem) Pastor Bruce Brown (behind Her) and Soldier from the group, Anna Larre and Ed Johnson

Historian Robert Place handing out Flags to the Soldiers as they go up to get their group photo taken. Every group has their picture on the wall (Hooke-photo)



Paul Lapierre (Service Officer VFW Post 5744) talking with a Soldier. (Hooke-photo)

VFW Greeting the Soldiers at Pease (Cont'd)



Raymond Brunelle, Member VFW Post 5744, talking with the commander of the group. Who just received the auto grafted sweatshirt and the history book of the Pease greeters. (Hooke-photo)

l-r Girard Vaillancourt, Gary Spaulding (Commander), Kenneth Goodwin, Walt Wheeler (House Rep) With a Captain of the group



Veteran's Day Celebration, SAD 35 Middle School

On November 6th, 2009, Marshwood Middle School had their ninth Veteran's Day Celebration. The celebration highlights the dedication on those who continue to defend America's freedoms and honor those who have unselfishly served America in the past. The turn out of Veterans was great.



Front corridor at Marshwood Middle School, lined with Veterans, Police men, fire men, to be honored at the celebration (Place-photo)

Looking down the hall in another direction. Both sides are lined with veterans (Place- photo)



Sailors from the USS Helena Fast Attack Submarine, were present for the Celebration (Place-photo)

Veteran's Day Celebration, SAD 35, Middle School (Cont'd),



Students filed through the People to be honored, with the thank you sign. It was real touching. (Place-photo)

Students and Teachers filed through the visitors and then came in through the rear door, to be seated in the bleachers. (Place-photo)



The Veterans were lead in the gym, by Mr. Jon Stirling, playing Dark Isle on the Bagpipes. (Place-photo)

Veteran's Day Celebration, SAD 35, Middle School (Cont'd),



Cathy Lock, standing center stage, is the person who put this together, year after year, and it gets better each year. Cathy was awarded teacher of the year last year. (Place-photo)

Veterans being seated in the center of the gym.
(Place-photo)



Posting of the colors by the Pease Air Base National Guard, as the celebration gets under way. (Place-photo)

Veteran's Day Celebration, SAD 35, Middle School (Cont'd),



Two-ten, six-eighteen" vocal/acoustic sung by Mr. Bob Barter (Place-photo)

Grade 7 Purple Communities: Heroes Among Us. Each Student told what a Hero was to them. (Place-photo)



Mr. Tony Bourbon made a Special Presentation to recognize the Vietnam Veterans. He told of his experience at the Vietnam Memorial wall in Washington D.C., while talking to a former Marine. It's not about knowing anyone there; it's about the reservation of Freedom and Liberty of all Americans. (Place-photo)

Veteran's Day Celebration, SAD 35, Middle School (Cont'd),



Marshwood Middle School 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Chorus' Sung Amazing Grace. (Place-photo)

Closing Comments by our Principal, Mr. John Caverly and to invite the Veterans to the Library for refreshments. (Place-photo)



After the great program was over, the Veterans went to the library to have refreshments. (Place-photo)

Veteran's Day Celebration, SAD 35, Middle School (Cont'd),



There were all kinds of Pastries and breads, all home made. (Place-photo)

VFW Members filing into the Library to enjoy the refreshments. (Place-photo)



The Library was all decorated in a patriotic décor. The whole program took lots of planning and very hard work, from Cathy Lock, Students and Staff. It was a great program and I am looking forward to next Year. (Place-photo)

VFW at Sears

Sears is having their annual fund drive, to help lives of Military Families. The VFW Post 5744 is helping out, by being there to answer questions, or just to say thanks, as people make donations. Lots of people will come over to talk and ask question about the post, or your Military back ground. It is a great program, and Sears has done real well in prier years.



Malcolm Kenney (Adjutant for VFW Post 5744). Malcolm spent 2-3 hours on Sunday November 22, 2009, and he drew a lot of people to just chat (Place-photo)

Robert Place (Historian and 2nd vice for VFW Post 5744). Bob spent a couple hours at the table. (Kenney-photo)



VFW and Boy Scouts Flag Retirement

On November 23, 2009, the VFW Post 5744 South Berwick, hosted about 25 Boy Scouts from South Berwick, Troop 338 for the Scout Flag Retirement ceremonies. 200 Flags from Veterans Graves and community were burned during a Scout ceremony. After the ceremonies the VFW provided Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate for the Hungry Scouts:



Scouts and VFW Members get photo taken, after the flags are collected through out the Cemertery



Passing out the flags for disposal, The Boy Scouts are earning badges doing this Ceremony



Scouts looking on, as we destroy the flags by burning,



VFW and Boy Scouts Flag Retirement (Cont'd)



Hot Dogs and hot chocolate was served to the Scouts after the flag burning ceremony was complete.

(L-r) David Fogarty, David Walker (Troop 338, So. Berwick), Lenny Lassar, (Troop 338 Web Master), John Elwell, and John Fogarty with leaders of the scouts.



Christmas Parade South Berwick November 28 2009

The parade started in Rollinsford New Hampshire at around 4:00 pm.



This Sub came from the Portsmouth Ship Yard, brought by the crew of the USS Helena ISSN 725. The VFW, and South Berwick Community are Sponsoring the crew while they are stationed at the Shipyard. (Kim-photo)



Christmas Parade South Berwick (Cont'd)



(L-r) Malcolm Kenney, (Adjutant) John Elwell, and Nicholas Tsakiris (Senior Vice) (Kim-photo)

(L-r) Front seat, Girard Vaillancourt, Larry Aiello, (Jeep Owner) Rear Seat, Pastor Bruce Brown, and Kenneth Goodwin.(Kim-photo)



VFW and Pease Greeters welcome Local Airmen

This Air force Unit of the 102, Officers and Airman, was the 116th Flight greeted in 2009. Arriving at 5:30 AM. It is always a shock to see 100 plus greeters at this time of the day, stated Albert. During the refueling stop, Troops are treated to Donuts, coffee, free phones to use, and we also treat them to a brief ceremony before they get back on the aircraft.



MSGT Thomas Greenlaw Air Force National Guardsman, from Shaw Air Force Base, hold's his youngest grand daughter Hayden for the first time. Words can't explain this feeling tonight, as Greenlaw is meet by Son Jeff, wife Amander with grand Daughters, Hannah, Hayden and Lilly. Greenlaw's Unit will be deployed to Afghanistan for the next nine momths. (Place-photo)

Senior Airman Steven Albert, Air Force Reserve of Fairchild AFB, Washington is meet by mother Irene, John Albert, and sister Dianne Lopez. This greeting is unbelievable. Airman Steven said that this greeting is unbelievable. It's so great to see my family. To meet so many greeters, it's breath taking. Albert is a 2002 graduate of Dover N.H., and will be deployed to Afghanistan for the next nine months. (Place-photo)



First VFW Meeting at Mayo's

On February 9, 2010, The VFW Post 5744 had our first Meeting at Mayo's new location, with 32 Members Attending. The new location is going to be a great place to meet, and we always have a great meal. .

(L-R) Commander Gary Spaulding and (finance Officer) David Fogarty (Place Photo)



First Meeting at Mayo's Cont'd



(L-r) Glen Johnson,



(L-r) Gary Collins, Roger Guptill, with Kenny Goodwin beside Roger (Place-photo)



(Adjutant) Malcolm Kenney with Dan Hildreth
(Place-photo)



VFW Members visit New Hampshire Veterans Home



Ten Members of the VFW Post 5744 and 6 US Sailors from the USS Helena SSN725., took a trip to introduce the young Sailors from the Helena to a WW11 resident, Francis (Bud) Harney, who served as a Gun-Fire Control Man from 1944-1946 on the Commissioning Crew of the US Helena CA 75. Navy attendees, lead by Lt. JG Gary Ferguston and the VFW attendees lead by Commander Gary Spaulding.

Lt Ferguston presented Bud Harney with the current Helena SSN 725 Cover that made Bud's day. Stories were exchanged with more attention noted of the young Sailors. (Place-photo)

VFW Members visit New Hampshire Veterans Home (Cont'd)



In the photo, center in the gray sweater was Veteran of the day Francis (Bud) Harney, seated beside him is Rudy Mayo of VFW Post 5744. Standing to the left are the sailors of the USS Helena and to the right are Members of the VFW Post 5744. (Place-photo)



After the photo shoot, Navy and VFW Members visited and talked to residents of the NH Tilton Veterans Home. We visited several residents in their rooms. (Place-photos)

VFW Members visit New Hampshire Veterans Home (Cont'd)



LT. Ferguson presented Bud Harney with the current Helena SSN 725 cover that made Bud's day. Stories were exchanged with more attention noted of the young Sailors. (Place-photos)

VFW Members visit New Hampshire Veterans Home (Cont'd)



We also visited the recreation room, where residents were having a Beach Ball, therapy Game. The VFW and Navy members joined in. This visit with the Navy was a great experience for them and gave another perspective of what the VFW is all about. We went to a Pizza place and all got together and had lunch. All had a great day, and it was a great experience for all. (Place-photos)

VFW Post 5744 Give out Awards

We had a great turnout at the March meeting. We gave out the awards and nominated the offices for the next year. New officers for next year are (, Commander) Nicholas Tsakiris (Quarter Master) David Fogarty, (Adjutant) Malcolm Kenney, (Senior Vice) John Elwell, (Junior Vice) Robert Place. (Pastor) Bruce Brown. At the Next Meeting we will vote on the officers to be elected for 2010-2011. We also had a great meal, as always, thanks to Elaine Mayo and her helpers. (Place-photo)



(L-R) Boy Scout Council Member: Larry Aiello, Quarter Master: David Fogarty, and Commander Gary Spaulding. (Place-photo)



VFW Post 5744 Give out Awards (cont'd)



L-r) Eagle Scouts receiving the award, John L. Spezia (So Berwick), William J. Walker (So. Berwick), Stephen J. Shea Jr. (So. Berwick), Trevor Bergeron (So. Berwick), Brian A. Bridge (Berwick), Sean J. Knight (Berwick), and Cole M. Corbin (No. Berwick), With Commander Gary Spaulding (Commander of Post 5744 VFW South Berwick. (Place-photo)



(L-r) Stephen J. Shea Jr., Marie Shea, and Stephen J. Shea Sr., at the March meeting. Stephen Jr to get Eagle Scout Award. And was presented with a \$50.00 Savings Bond for the 2009 Voice of Democracy Essay Contest. (Place-photo)

VFW Post 5744 Give out Awards (cont'd)

Cole M. Corbin, of North Berwick Received the Eagle Scout Award Certificate and Monetary Award of \$100.00, with his father, Frederic Colbin (Place-photo)



Trevor Bergeron, of South Berwick, Received the Eagle Scout Award certificate with a Monetary Award of \$100.00 with his Mom & Dad (Place-photo)

VFW Post 5744 Give out Awards (cont'd)



Each of The Scouts received the VFW Post 5744 Eagle Scout Awards Certificate and Momentary Award of \$100.00 (Place-photo)

William Walker with his Family at the March Meeting to watch William receive the Eagle Scout Award Certificate and \$100.00 Monetary award. (Place-photo)



VFW Post 5744 Supper Advertisement

**VFW Post 5744
South Berwick, Maine
Spaghetti Supper**

**Salad – Bread – Dessert – Drink
Community Center
Norton Street
South Berwick, Maine**

Adults \$7.00 – Children 10 and under Free

**Tickets also available at the door.
Take-out Available
Information Call: 207-384-2420 or 384-2605**

**Benefit Troop Support and Community
Scholarships**

Post 5744 Spring Newsletters.

Comrades, I want to get out a newsletter of what we have going on in May & June before we go dark for the summer. The Post has many things scheduled. Hope you can participate in as many as possible.

May 2-- Eagle Scout Court of Honor at 2 PM in 3rd floor of So Berwick Town Hall for Billie Walker

May 4 --Loyalty Day at Sea Coast School (8 AM) &

May 7 --Loyalty Day at North Berwick & Lebanon schools at 9 AM

May 10--Loyalty Day--Hussy School in North Berwick at 8:30 AM

May? --Loyalty Day--Rollinsford School--date to be determined --call if interested in going.

May 11-- Our Post Banquet at Spring Hill. Starts at 5 PM with cheese/fruit/crackers & liquid refreshment. Dinner starts at 6 PM. The meal is the same as last year with a selection of 3 meats, vegetables, etc. Everyone liked it last year and cost is \$25.00/person. Please send payment to Gary Spaulding (207-384-2420) or call to confirm. If you are planning on going please let me know as soon as possible. We will have a short meeting by swearing in the new slate of Post Officers for next year. I

have to get the # in so they can get the right amount of food. The new Officers for next year are Nick Tsakiris (Commander), John Senior Vice), Bob Place (Junior Vice). Dave Fogarty (Quartermaster), Bruce Brown (Chaplin), Paul LaPierre (Service Officer), Roger Guptill (Surgeon), Trustees-- Don Heath 3 yr, Bernie Mushroom 2 yr, Joe Gagnon 1 yr. They will be sworn in on May 11 at the dinner.

May 14--Loyalty Day--Central School (8:30 AM) in South Berwick

May 23--Eagle Scout Court of Honor at 2 PM in #th floor town Hall for Stephen Shea

May 24--Place flags on Veterans Graves-- meet at Malcolm's at 9 AM

May 25--Spring Concert at South Berwick Central School. They will be singing Patriotic songs and honoring Veterans. Come and join in the fun.

May 26--Navy Yard Memorial day service-- Our Post is providing the color detail. We will meet at the Shipyard front gate at 9:45 so we can be escorted in. The Post would like to set up permanent Color Detail of 6 people so if you would like to participate contact Nick Tsakiris 307-384-2450. Once we get 6 committed people we will order the uniforms needed.

May 31--South Berwick Memorial Day Service (11 AM). The USS Memphis CO will be the guest speaker and many of the crew will be marching with us in the parade.

June 11-13-- State Convention in Ellsworth, Me. If you are interested in going, contact Malcolm or me. It's interesting.

June 26-- Strawberry Festival--We will be selling water & coffee again. I will be a contacting member to set up times at the booth.

We have several members in the Post who have had some medical problems but are recovering. Rudy Mayo had his thumb operated on and is in therapy & doing fine. George Tsakiris was operated on for pinched nerves in his neck and has been in therapy to get his coordination back. He said he must have been doing better as the nurses have been staying out of reach.

Ten members from the Post made a trip with ten sailors from the USS Helena to the Vets home in Tilton awhile back and had a great time talking to many of the service members up there. See attachment 2 for picture & newspaper article.

We will go dark until Aug 22 when we will have our annual Post picnic at Malcolm's.

Info for those members who haven't attended the meetings, the Post has had a busy year since the last newsletter. We honored 7 Eagle Scouts and their parents at our March meeting with a Certificate of Achievement and a \$100 bill. (See attachment 1) One of the Eagle Scouts (Stephen Shay is representing the Maine Department of VFW in a national competition for top Eagle Scout in the US. We wish him well in the contest.

We continue to have 30+ members at every meeting. For those who haven't been to a meeting Mayo's has moved to its new place in Berwick by the Post Office on Rat 236.

I want to take a moment to thank all the members who helped grow the Post so much during my time as Post Commander. 10 years was enough of seeing my mug at the head table. Nick will be an excellent Commander & lead you well. We can be proud of our Post, as it has grown to the highest membership ever. We are up to 158 members now; the previous high was 157 right after WWII. Thanks to all the members stepping up and helping with the projects. We've made a big impression at Pease meeting the Troops and really projected the VFW image well. Keep up the good work at the many flights this summer. Another tid bit: we have 16 members on active duty, with 5 deployed.

Paul LaPierre has done a super job as our Post Service Officer helping get members problems with the VA corrected and getting fruit baskets to any members in the hospital.

Thank Bob Place for the great Post History scrapbook he has compiled. It is excellent & really shows what the Post has been accomplishing.

We want to especially thank Malcolm Kenney for keeping up all the paperwork for the Post and coordinating our events. He has worked tirelessly on the Posts behalf and is our key person for information, etc. He's sure kept me out of trouble.

I'm trying out this new way of sending newsletters on the internet so hope you all receive it. This will be my last newsletter as Commander of VFW Post 5744. Gary Spaulding

Loyalty-Day

In May 2010, Members of the VFW Post #5744 went to Sea Coast Christian School, North Berwick Elementary School, Berwick Hussey School, Central School, Am and Pm Class, Rollinsford, NH and Lebanon Hanson School to teach the students about the flag. We showed them how to respect the flag, when handling it, and had them Pledge Allegiance to the flag, by holding their hand over their hearts. As we raised The Flag. We also asked questions what the Stars stood for, and what each stripe stood for. The Students have pretty good knowledge about the Flag. All Students received Young American Award Certificates for participating.



This was at the Sea Coast Christian School on May 4th 2010. The Students did a great job.



This was at the North Berwick Elementary School on May 7th, 2010. The students answered most of our questions. **(Place photo)**

Loyalty-Day (Cont'd)



This was at the Lebanon Hanson School on May 7th, 2010 these students were able to answer most of our questions. They did a great job (Place photo)



This was at the Hussey School in Berwick Maine, and the Students did a great job answering the questions. (Mel Kenny photo)

Loyalty-Day (Cont'd)



This Class is the Rollinsford Grade School, Rollinsford, New Hampshire. Students did a great job.



This is the Central AM class of South Berwick, Maine. The Students did a great job.

Loyalty-Day (Cont'd)



This Class is the Central PM of South Berwick, Maine. Students did a great job

This is another project of the VFW Post 5744. There is a lot of preparation, getting all the certificates for each Student, and setting up the time to give the demonstration. Thanks to everyone who gave a hand

POW/MIA Memorial Day Ceremony

POW/MIA Memorial Day Ceremony at Kittery Navy Ship yard.



POW/MIA Chair that represents all the POW/Mia's from all the wars and conflicts through the years

Presenting the Colors, Lead by Ken Kinsley (Commander VFW Post6548), Playing the Bag Pipes, Followed by John Elwell (senior Vice).



POW/MIA Memorial Day Ceremony (Cont'd)



(l-r) John Elwell, (Senior Vice), Daniel Hildreth, with Richard Howarth, standing at attention, followed by Richard Shaw.

Commander Gary Spaulding, VFW Post 5744, South Berwick, Maine, after lighting the Candle.



POW/MIA Memorial Day Ceremony (Cont'd)



(l-r) Chief Joel M. Buzzy, Introducing Special Guest; Former WW II POW, Army PFC, Gerard Vaillancourt.

Gerard Vaillancourt, Former Prisoner of war in Germany, Held Captive for six months, telling of his experiences



Capt Fuller (Ship Yard Commander) Capt Fuller is doing the Table for one Ceremony.

POW/MIA Memorial Day Ceremony (Cont'd)



Mc Gunny SGT Kelly Marshall Marine Corps Recruiting. Kelley is giving the History of the POW/MIA Flag

Color Guard (l-r) John Elwell, Daniel Hildreth, Richard Howarth.



Members of the VFW post 5744 South Berwick, Maine (l-r) Kenneth Goodwin, Bruce Brown (Chaplin) George Davidson, David Fogarty (quarter master), Nicholas Tsakiris (commander) and Malcolm Kenney (Adjutant)

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