

SOUTH BERWICK MEMORIAL POST 5744



South Berwick, Maine

**2013 – 2014
Yearbook**

**Robert K. Place, Historian
South Berwick Memorial VFW Post 5744
853 Lebanon Road
North Berwick, Maine 03906**

VFW Post No 5744

South Berwick, Maine

For June 2013—May 2014

By: Robert K. Place, Historian



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

VFW Post Officers

Commander John Elwell 2nd year VFW Post 5744
South Berwick, Maine.



William Wenners Sr. Vice Commander VFW Post 5744 South Berwick,
Maine

Richard Shaw Jr Vice Commander VFW Post 5744 South
Berwick, Maine



VFW Post Officers (Cont'd)



Joseph Zagrosky Quarter Master for VFW Post 5744 South Berwick, Maine



Malcolm Kenney Adjutant VFW Post 5744 South Berwick, Maine



Paul Lapierre Service Officer for VFW Post 5744 South Berwick, Maine

Pastor Bruce Brown Post Chaplain for VFW Post 5744, South Berwick, Maine

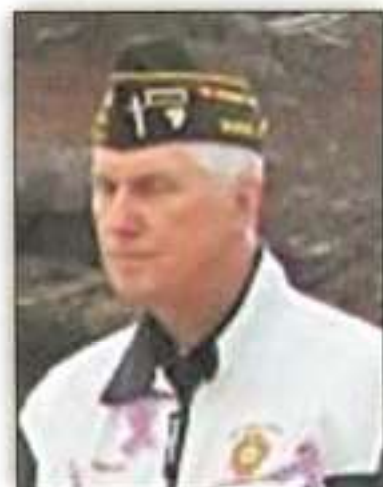


Table of Contents

THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS	1
VFW PLACING FLAGS ON VET GRAVES.....	5
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2013	6
STRAWBERRY FEST MEETING AT MAYO'S.....	12
DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL	13
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL	18
VFW POST 5744 MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2013	22
FLIGHT #644 SEPTEMBER 29 2013.....	28
METHODIST CHURCH 9/11 SERVICE	30
VFW POST MEETING OF OCTOBER 8 TH , 2013.....	31
VETERANS DAY AT MARSHWOOD GW SCHOOL.....	34
VETERANS DAY AT MIDDLE SCHOOL.....	42
POPPY 'S ON THE BRIDGE	47
VFW VETERANS CELEBRATION.....	51
VFW POST MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2013	58
11/16, 2013 FLAG RETIREMENT	61
BETWEEN FLIGHTS AT PEASE	62
MEMBER PASSES	63
PEARL HARBOR CELEBRATION	66
THOSE LOST AT PEARL HARBOR HONORED IN SOUTH BERWICK.....	69
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA AT KITTERY	71
VFW POST MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2013	76
ROGER DUMONT PASSED	78
VFW POST 5744 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS	79
VFW POST MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2014.....	81
PLAQUE PRESENTED	85
SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS	86
VFW MEETING FEBRUARY 11 TH	88
WW II VETERANS	90
PHILIP LAWRENCE OBITUARY	93
VFW MARCH WORK SHEET	98

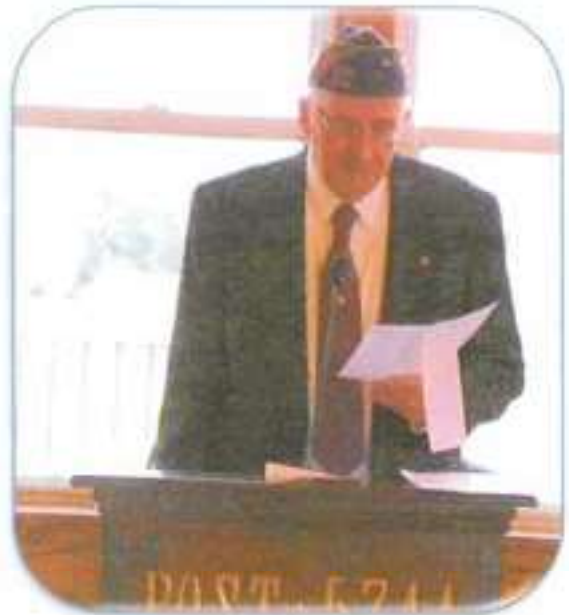
VFW SUPPER MARCH 15, 2014	101
OBITUARY FOR GORDON HORNE.....	104
PEASE FLIGHT 998.....	108
QUILTS OF VALOR.....	110

VFW SUPPER MARCH 15, 2014	101
OBITUARY FOR GORDON HORNE.....	104
PEASE FLIGHT 998.....	108
QUILTS OF VALOR.....	110
LOYALTY DAY LOCAL SCHOOLS	112
TAPS	116
INDEX	117

The Installation of Officers

On May 14, 2013 our last regular meeting until August, was held at Spring Hill. This is our meeting that the wives or a friend are invited. Officers for next year will be installed that night. We had around 60 people attend the dinner. This is a little below last year. At 06:00 pm Commander John Elwell called the meeting to order and we saluted the flag and did the pledge of allegiance, followed by a prayer by Pastor Bruce Brown. There was a motion to not read the minutes from last month. It was seconded and the motion carried. We then had our meal, which was super as always.

Commander John Elwell will be the Commander for another year. Our attendance has been great last year and members count is 187 and climbing. John will lead us into another good year. (Place photo)



From (l-r) Service officer Paul Lapierre, Adjutant Malcolm Kenney, 1 year trustee Mark Pilgrim, Trustee 3 years David Fogarty, 2 year Hazen Currier, Surgeon Roger Guptill, Chaplain Bruce Brown, Quarter Master Joseph Zagrosky, Junior Vice Commander Robert Place, Senior Vice Commander William Wenners and our Commander John Elwell and installing the new officers is . We are looking for another great year. (Phyllis Place photo)

The Installation of Officers (Cont'd)

Department of Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander David Williams Attends South Berwick Post 5744 Dinner Installation



The Installation of Officers (Cont'd)



Back to us in gray sweater is Richard LaBonte, His wife to his left____, Larene Weners, 1st Vice Commander William Weners, William Mc Bride, ———, Raymond Brunelle, and Barbra Brunelle. (Place photo)

Sitting at the table is Department of Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander David D. Williams, ____, Sallyanne, Kenney, John Elwell, Roger Guptill, Chuck —, and _____. (Place photo)



The Installation of Officers (Cont'd)



(L-R) Sitting at the table is Matthew Dupuis, his wife, Richard Maskell and William Martell.

Around the table to the left, back to us Mark Pilgrim with Ann Pilgrim, Karen Cordier, Richard Cordier, Girard Vaillancourt, Audrey Vaillancourt, Diana Lapierre and Service Officer Paul Lapierre. (Place photo)



We had another great meeting, having the wives and girlfriends with us. Spring Hill put on another great meal. Thank you. Hope to see you at our fall cook out. (Place photos)

VFW Placing Flags on Vet Graves

On Sunday May 19, 2013 a group of VFW members met at the Woodlawn Cemetery at 01:30 Pm on Agamenticus to put the flags on all the Veterans Graves. It was a great day and everything went great.



From (L-r) 2nd Vice Commander /Historian Robert Place, Jeffrey Chase, Phyllis Place, Commander John Elwell and Stephen Shea. (Kenney photo)

Memorial Day Parade 2013

On May 27, 2013 at 11:00am the parade will start. We attempt to involve as many local groups as possible, particularly the young people of the community, hoping to instill in them the Americanism and patriotism our organization so fervently endorses.



The local children decorated their bike for the parade and the VFW would give them a ticket for a small ice-cream at Fogarty's. The kids really outdid themselves

Adjutant Malcolm Kenney is passing out the tickets to each of the children the brought their bikes to the parade, with Rudolph Mayo doing the same.



The Girl Scout troop 1032, are gathered up to march in the parade.

Memorial Day Parade 2013, (Cont'd)



(L-r) -----, Commander John Elwell and -----
leading the Parade.



South Berwick town officials

Memorial Day Parade 2013, (Cont'd)



South Berwick Fire Department

This is the South Berwick Boy Scout troop.



Cub Scout Pack 336 South Berwick
Maine

Memorial Day Parade 2013, (Cont'd)



Marshwood Marching Band



Decorated bikes done by students from local families. They will all get a certificate for ice-cream at Fogarty's Restaurant.

Memorial Day Parade 2013, (Cont'd)



____, Raymond
Brunelle, Pastor
Bruce Brown,
David Fogarty,
____, Jack Fogarty
and Gary Mayo.



Commander John Elwell at the podium.

Memorial Day Parade 2013, (Cont'd)



Commander John Elwell and _____ is placing the reef at the South Berwick all wars memorial.

Strawberry Fest Meeting at Mayo's

The morning of June 18, 2013, at 09:00 am a bunch of members got together to make plans for the Strawberry Festival in South Berwick on June 29, 2013. Who will pick up the 60 cases of water, make the coffee, and help with the water on the June 26, 2013 at Shaw's in Dover New Hampshire. The volunteers will meet at Shaw's at 3 pm . Glenden Johnson will take care of the coffee. On Friday at 7:00 pm we will meet at South Berwick to set up and unload the water. Saturday June 29th we will start the finale set up at 8 am.



Left side of the table is, Katie Williams, Glenden Johnson, District Commander Gary Spaulding, Kenneth Goodwin, Jeffrey Chase, Dawn Chase, Joseph Zagrosky and his wife Debi Zagrosky. On Right side of table is, Jack Fogarty 1st Vice Commander William Weners, Raymond Brunelle, Anthony Cincotta, William Martell, Adjutant Malcolm Kenney, Post Commander John Elwell and Judy Elwell. (Place photo)

Dedication of Memorial

VFW Post 5744
South Berwick, Maine
Mustered February 26, 1946

Commander: John R. Elwell
Vice Commander: William G. Weners
Jr. Vice Commander: Robert Place
Quartermaster: Joseph Zagrosky

South Berwick Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5744



The Dedication of Memorial is in Name of Paul Hussey and Warren H. Hilton.

Both Paul Hussey and Warren Hilton served in the US Army during WW II with Honor and Distinction during the period of 1942-1945, returning to South Berwick to become successful businessmen, involve with their community in many ways, to include membership in the VFW Post, Rescue Squad, Lions, American Legion Post 47 and the Snowmobile Club, they were always there to help a family in need.

The Memorial has been in the making for two years by the Veterans of Foreign of Wars Post 5744. We are honored to bring this to reality and Invite the South Berwick Community to attend this dedication ceremony.

WHEN: Saturday June 22, 2013 at 2 PM

WHERE: Junction of Knights Pond Road, Harvey Road and Hooper Sands Road.

Some seating will be provided by the VFW

POC: Mal Kenney

Adjutant VFW Post 5744

207-384-2605

Dedication of Memorial (Cont'd)



On June 22, 2013 the VFW Post 5744 Meet at Post Adjutant Malcolm Kenney's home at around 01:15 pm and at 01:45 we went up to Junction of Knights Pond Road, Harvey Road and Hooper Sands Road. This was a great day for this has been in the making for a long time. Jeffrey Chase took over the project about a year ago and did all the running to honor these two WWII Veterans. This intersection is the perfect spot to place the Memorial. The Hussey's and Hilton's, live all around this area. **(Place photo)**



Commander John Elwell opened the memorial at 02:00 pm by having everyone salute the colors and recite the pledge of allegiance to our great Flag. **(Place photo)**

Dedication of Memorial (Cont'd)

We had a great turn out from both families as well as VFW Members. Malcolm Kenney talked about all the things that these two WWII veterans' did for the community. (Place photo)



After Malcolm Kenney finished, he asked if anyone wanted to say a few words and Unknown son in law of Paul Hussey came forward. As some said it is hard to speak in front of a group. (Place photo)

Post Service Officer/ Acting Chaplain Paul Lapierre gave a prayer to begin the closing of the dedication with Commander John Elwell standing behind him. (Place photo)



Dedication of Memorial (Cont'd)



The firing squad stands ready to honor these two Veterans. (L-r) are 1st Vice Commander William Weners, Richard Howarth, Francis Milinski and Squad leader Richard Shaw. (Place photo)

Malcolm Kenney playing taps after the firing squad honored the two WWII Veterans. (Place photo)



VFW members (L-r) Raymond Brunelle, 1st Vic Commander William Weners, Richard Howarth, Squad Leader Richard Shaw, Francis Milinski, Gerard Vaillancourt, Post Service officer Paul Lapierre and Commander John Elwell. Other members not in picture are Adjutant Malcolm Kenney, Quarter Master Joseph Zagrosky, George Davidson, John Ford, Gary Spaulding, Kenneth Goodwin, Clinton Schoff, Jeffrey Chase, 2nd Vice Commander/Historian Robert Place and Roland Chase. (Place photo)

Dedication of Memorial (Cont'd)



In closing Commander John Elwell : And now in the name of South Berwick Post No. 5744, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Maine, we dedicate this Memorial which records, so all may see, the names of these brave men who have served in the fighting forces of our great nation. May their noble deeds live on forever? We close with a salute.

This concludes our Ceremony. Thank you all for attending. (Place photo)

Strawberry Festival

On Friday June 28, 2013, a bunch of VFW members met at the South Berwick Central School. We were going to meet at 7:00 pm to unload the water for the festival on Saturday. But as usual some got there early and when we got there at 7:00 pm the water was already unloaded. Not a problem.

Saturday Morning the members started to arrive at 7:00 am to get the water and coffee ready. It looked like a very dreary day, but it wasn't raining. As the day went on the peoples stated to buy our water and by the end on the day we almost sold out. We had bought 80 cases. This turned out to be a good fund raiser. I just got the word that we had only seven cases left.



In the both , (L-r) Glenden Johnson making the coffee, Pastor Bruce Brown, Mark Pilgrim, District 11 Commander Gary Spaulding, and Ray Farnham, Southern Maine Recruiter for the VFW. (Place photo)

Strawberry Festival (Cont'd)



Sitting on the end of the VFW booth is Ray Farnham, Southern Maine Recruiter for the VFW. . (Place photo



Arriving at the VFW booth is VFW Quarter Master; Joseph Zagrosky. (Place photo)

Strawberry Festival (Cont'd)



1st Vice Commander VFW Post 5744, William Weners is in front of Central School selling water. (Place photo)

The people were starting to gather by 10:00 am and it got busier as the weather got hotter. (Place photo)



Strawberry Festival (Cont'd)



There were a lot of small booths out front of the Central School and on the further end of the School. There were all kind of different products to buy. (Place photo)

VFW POST 5744 MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2013



VFW Post 5744
Commander: John Elwell
South Berwick, Maine
Vice Commander: William Widders
Mustered February 26, 1946
Jr. Vice Commander: Robert Place

VFW POST 5744 MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

Commander John Elwell opened meeting at 6 PM as per ritual.

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

OPENING PRAYER FROM CHAPLAIN: BRUCE BROWN

Break for Dinner:

NEW MEMBER REPORT: Introduced Bruce Burke, USAF Ret. Vietnam, Bruce lives in Berwick, ME. And was a VFW member at large.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: PAUL LAPIERRE. We have had several members hospitalized over the summer, and fruit baskets and cards have been delivered, still need to get a basket to Richard LaBonte, he is home now from a surgery. Francis Milinski has had two eye surgeries, and Joseph Gagnon and his wife Cindy Gagnon are still mending. Cindy is in a rehab from surgery. Please let one of the officers know if any member needs assistance or is hospitalized or needs VA assistance.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER (Cont'd)

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes are emailed to all members. The April minutes were motioned at the May Dinner function at Spring Hill. May Meeting was induction of 2013-2014 Officers at Spring Hill with Department of Maine, Commander, David Williams doing the Induction. No other business was discussed. A June breakfast meeting was held at Mayo's to schedule the fundraiser event (Strawberry Festival). Ten members were present. No funds were motioned. No meeting was held in July. August, 74 attended the Post Picnic with lots of great food and a perfect day. We want to thanks Robert Place and his wife, as well as Daniel Hildreth, our cooks, and many thanks, to the ladies, for all their help. No business was held at the Picnic. Thanks to William Wenners for bringing the US Navy Family, I think they had a great time. Motion to accept minutes as reported by: Glenden Johnson Seconded by: William Wenners motion passed.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT: QM Joseph Zagrosky reported that we made \$1524 at the Strawberry Festival in South Berwick and \$32.00 at the North Berwick Mill Day Event. Also, that we have some money out from water sold to members. All bills are paid. District Dues paid. Checking Account has \$6600.00. Joe spoke about annual dues that have increased to \$31 effective January 1, 2014. You can save \$10.00 if you pay your dues for 2014 before January 1, 2014. A motion was made by Mark Pilgrim to accept report, subject to audit. Seconded by, Jerrie Upton. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEES:

Commander: Our post had a great year with both Joseph Zagrosky and John Elwell being named to the All-State Team that was because of all the work our members do through the year. My thanks to you all. We attended the State VFW convention in June and our Post had a presence there. We did challenge the National Dues Increase and called a vote for the delegates attending the National Convention to Vote Against a dues increase.

We have some work to be done at our storage building (Weapons Locker) and some rearranging of our post equipment, probably about two hours for couple or three members. Joel Hilton, Jeffrey Chase and Jerrie Upton volunteered to help out, date to be set,

Dedication of Memorial: Our thanks to Jeffrey Chase, great job. The dedication was held on June 22nd with a great show from our members and about 70 people from family and town fathers attended.



MEETING OF SEPTEMBER (Cont'd)



Our Post Color Guard handled the Internment Service for Larry Aiello on June 24th and attended a memorial dinner. Malcolm Kenney was presented a check for \$11,450 from Larry's Post 6800 in Somerville MA for the Pease Greeters in Larry's name.

Color Guard Training: We would like to set up some training to tune up our color guard. We had some great comments from the last function (dedication of Hussey/Hilton Memorial) but practice makes perfect. We also need to order some equipment for the color

guard team. John Elwell will price long sleeve shirts. We need at least two more members for the color guard team. Richard Maskell has offered to train and join our color guard team.

Strawberry Festival: June 29th. One of our best fund raisers and this year was good. Gary Spaulding and Joseph Zagrosky will give a report. We had a great show of members to work. We also held a recruiting booth at the same time. Ray Farnham, the Southern Maine VFW recruiter assisted. 14 potential members stopped and showed interest in joining a VFW Post.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Meeting Raffle, money for relief fund. Commander John Elwell spoke about the need to add funds to offset dues increase. This year we have paid dues for 20 members most are active duty, with dues going up, we may not be able to continue paying the dues. This will be a voluntary play if you want to. Motion: by William Wengers to hold raffle with funds to go to the relief fund. Tickets sold before meeting starts or during meeting break. Drawing will be held during break or after meeting. Motion seconded by Mark Pilgrim. Motion passed. First raffle winner was Eileen Mayo. Eileen donated \$62.00 back to the Post.

Other discussion was donations made to the Department. With our funds low this year and to continue our other community programs and scholarships we are forced to cut back what we donate to the Department of Maine. A motion by Malcolm Kenney is to donate \$25 each, to the Commanders Project, Togus Aid and National Military Aid. The motion was seconded by Gary Spaulding. Motion passed.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER (Cont'd)

VOD/PP ESSAY SCHOLARSHIPS Teacher of the year

David Peterson schools in SAD 60

James Reilley schools in SAD 35

Deadline for Essays needs to be back to Post November 1, 2013 for Post judging.

Commander Discussion End of Year Dinner: Motion by Matthew Dupuis was to have May meeting at Mayo's with installation of new Post Officers and dinner with our guest. Motion was seconded by Daniel Hildreth. Motion passed.

A June meeting will be held with regular business and to discuss summer events.

Greeting Troop Flights, the Pease Greeters now paying for the flags we pass out to the troops heading over. We have several flights on the schedule with good times.

Dates to Remember:

Flights as posted

September 20: POW/MIA Day Service, Air Guard at Pease, Girard Vaillancourt former POW.

October 8: Post Meeting Mayo's.

October 27: District 11, Meeting Mayo's, Motion funds & Raffle

November 8: 08:30 Marshwood Middle School Veterans Service

November 9: 7:30 Poppy Toll Both until 2:30

November 11: 11 AM Berwick Veterans Day Service

November 11: 2 PM South Berwick Veterans Day Service

November 16: 9 AM Remove Flags from Veteran Graves

November 16: 5:30 PM Flag Retirement with Scouts.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER (Cont'd)

Good of the Order:

Anthony Cincotta discussed applications for Veterans Cemetery and the VA.

Dennis Ouellette discussed the Legion Riders and a raffle of Three Rifles to raise funds.

Commander John Elwell discussed membership.

Charles Cove requested that the Post not place flight schedules on Face Book.

No further business the meeting was adjourned at 1945.

Next meeting at Mayo's is October 8th at 6 PM.



Submitted by:

Mal Kenney

Adjutant 5744



We always
have a great
turn out to the meeting with at least 30 to 40.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER (Cont'd)



Sitting at the counter is (L-r) Daniel Hildreth, Mark Pilgrim and William Weners. (Place photo)



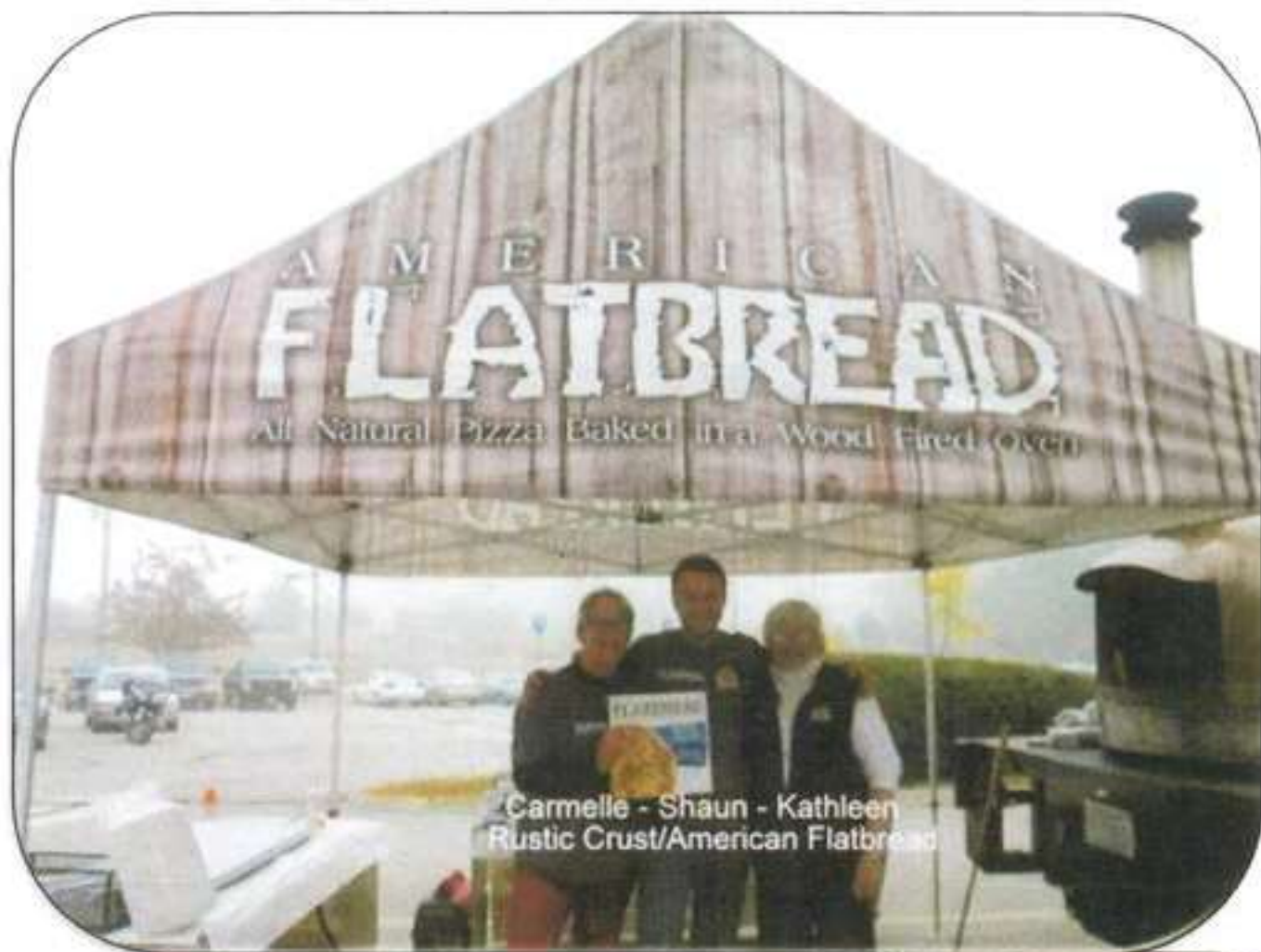
Sitting at the table is (L-r) William Mc Bride, Hazen Currier, Christian Muentener, Richard Mc Grain, Bruce Burke, Charles Hansen, and Jim Reilley. (Place photo)

Flight #644 September 29 2013

At Pease greeting Flight # 644, The American Flatbread truck showed up out front, with the cooker on the back of the truck already to cook. This was so fanatic and they just started cooking. The flat bread pizzas were all premade so all they had to do was to UN wrap them and put them in the wood fired oven.



Flight #644 (Cont'd)



Carmelle - Shaun - Kathleen
Rustic Crust/American Flatbread



Methodist Church 9/11 service

On September 9, 2013 The Methodist Church in Berwick did a service in remembrance of all the people that lost their lives in the two Twin towers in New York City. Also for the people who died when the plane crashed into the Pentagon and the brave people that stopped the plane heading for Washington DC. Pastor Skip Smith did the service with the help of the South Berwick VFW Post 5744.



Rifle squad (l-r) Anthony Cincotta, Michael Olson, Post Service officer Paul Lapierre, 1st Vice Commander William Wengers and Squad Leader Richard Shaw with (Mike LaMontagne)

Standing at full salute with Berwick resident is former POW/WWII Veteran Gerard Vaillancourt. (Mike LaMontagne)



Doing taps for the service is 2nd Vice Commander/Historian Robert Place. I must say he did a great job. (Mike LaMontagne)

VFW POST MEETING OF OCTOBER 8TH, 2013

Commander John Elwell opened the meeting at 6 PM as per ritual.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER FROM CHAPLAIN: BRUCE BROWN

Break for Dinner

GUEST INTRODUCTION; JERRY NELSON, AF, VIETNAM, and is current Life Member in Somersworth, NH. With Possible transfer interest. No new members.



SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Paul Lapierre reported on Richard LaBonte in Rochester Manor Rehab, also Phillip Lawrence is in Berwick Estates in So. Berwick, both could use a visit. Joseph Zagrosky and Cindy are still mending. Cindy is home from rehab doing better. James Keohan has been admitted to York Hospital; Francis Milinski is driving again after two eye surgeries. Please let one of the officers know if a member needs assistance or is hospitalized or need VA assistance.

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes are emailed to all members. Motion to accept as printed, by Anthony Cincotta and seconded by William Widders. Motion passed.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT: QM Joseph Zagrosky reported the post received \$525.00 dollars from life membership. Checking Account had \$6125.00. All bills paid. A detailed breakdown is available at any time for review by members, this was a Trustee Audit. A motion by Glenden Johnson to accept as reported and Seconded by Mark Pilgrim. Motion passed.



VFW POST MEETING OF OCTOBER 8TH, 2013 (Cont'd)

OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEES: A work date was set 10-12-13, 9 AM for Joel Hilton, Jeffrey Chase and Jerrie Upton to finish our weapons storage locker.

We need to set a date to clean the rifles soon and get them put away.

Color Guard Training: We would like to set up some training to tune up our color guard; we had some great comments from the last function. We have had two members offer to help with the training, Richard Wood and Richard Maskell both have recently separated from the Army; also Michael Olson has ordered a manual. Richard Shaw is checking into web belts and John Elwell was going to price shirts. We need at least two additional members for the color guard.

ESSAYS VOD AND PP: Deadline to pick up essays is November 1, and post judging must be completed by November 15th with winners forwarded to District 11 for judging.

NEW BUSINESS: Commander John Elwell discussed the up-coming busy schedule and thanked members for the continued support of all our post projects. Our post will host the District 11 meeting here on October 27th at 2 PM. Again all members are welcome to attend. A motion by Malcolm Kenney for the post to pay up to \$100 to Mayo's to provide coffee, sandwiches and a dessert for guest. Motion seconded by Daniel Hildreth. Motion passed.



Commander discussed dues for annual members.



Joseph Zagrosky spoke about the Portsmouth Freedom Memorial Park Brick Program. A motion was by Anthony Cincotta for the Post to purchase a paver with; "VFW Post 5744 So. Berwick", on it and was Seconded by Glenden Johnson. Motion passed. Cost \$35.00.

Malcolm Kenney discussed the 50-50 raffle and that he will disburse tickets as soon as received. This raffle will be drawn at the November 12th meeting. Also on the November schedule is our Poppy Toll Booth on 11-10-13 from 0730-1430. We have a sign-up for hours you want to work. Both these fund raisers will support our scholarship and Eagle Scout Programs and the holiday baskets for needy in four towns.



VFW POST MEETING OF OCTOBER 8TH, 2013 (Cont'd)

Dates for November Veteran Day and School Events will be e-mailed as received, Commander John Elwell Mentions several as listed now.

No further business the meeting adjourned at 1945 with a closing prayer from Chaplain Bruce Brown. Next regular meeting will be November 13, 2013.

VFW POST MEETING OF OCTOBER 8TH, 2013 (Cont'd)

October 27, 1400 District 11 Meeting

November 7, 0830 Great Works School Veterans Program (Colors)

November 8, 0830 Marshwood Middle School Veterans Program

November 9, 0730-1430 Poppy Toll Booth

November 11, 1100 Berwick Veterans Service

November 11, 13310 Berwick Academy Color Guard Alum Veterans

November 11, 1430 South Berwick Veterans Day Service

November 16, 0900 remove flags

November 16, 1730 retire flags with Scouts, Hot dogs and hot chocolate

Submitted by:

Malcolm Kenney, Adjutant



Veterans Day at Marshwood GW School

November 7, 2013, the Students and Staff at Marshwood Great works School put on the Veterans Day assembly. This is the fourth year that I have attended.



You could enjoy Bagpipe music while you wait, by Ella Manero. Ella did a fantastic job. (Place photo)

The walls boards in the lobby were lined with the other essays that the student wrote. I myself could not of picked the few that were read from all the Student essay's. (Place photo)



As the ceremony started, Members from the South Berwick VFW post the colors. (L-r) Posting colors are Commander John Elwell and Adjutant Malcolm Kenney . (Morison photo)

Veterans Day (Cont'd)

The Star-Spangle Banner" W&M by John Smith & Francis Scott Key, Performed by the MGWS Chorus. (MWGW Blog photo)



Gabrielle LaBarge read In Flanders's Field's, while Skyping with her dad Paul LaBarge overseas. (Place photo)

Veteran Speaker, Adjutant Malcolm Kenney, talks about what the Pease greeters do and how the SAD 35 schools are getting involved. This means a lot to the soldiers that are defending our great country. (Place photo)



Veterans Day (Cont'd)



"Song for unsung Hero "Is performed by the MGWS Chorus. (Place photo)

Essays by students "Thank you from the Heart"



Noah Woodworth is reading his essay. (Blog photo)

Meghan Maldonis is reading her essay (Blog photo)



Veterans Day (Cont'd)



Carlie Haven (reading for Carmela Kriz) (Blog photo)



Colby Leach reading her essay (Blog photo)



Juliet Regonini reading his essay (Blog photo)

Veterans Day (Cont'd)

Corrin Hasty reading his essay (Blog photo)



Connor Hohn reading her essay (Blog photo)



Owen Young reading her essay (Blog photo)



Calvin Barna reading her essay (Blog photo)



Veterans Day (Cont'd)



Alana Moretti reading her essay (Blog photo)



Abi Rooney reading her essay (Blog photo)



Presentation is by USS Miami Crew Members (in no order) are Fultz, Chunn, Hodge, Brown, Thompson, Delia, Hartley, Allen, Sepeda-Cervantez, Coons, Fowler, Lande, Bunker-Worley and Ross. They each told what job they did on the Miami and then let the Students ask questions. The Students were asked questions until Jerry Brunell stopped them. (Place photo)

Veterans Day (Cont'd)



Members from the South Berwick VFW are retiring the colors. (L-r) retiring the colors are Commander John Elwell and Adjutant Malcolm Kenney . (Morison photo)

After the ceremony the students that had family member in the group escorted their family down to the cafeteria for breakfast and then the students lined the corridor for all the veterans to pass through as they leave.
(Morison photo)



Veterans Day (Cont'd)

Here are some Students with family members having breakfast.



This was another great ceremony this year. Thank you to the Staff and Students for all the hard work. (Place photo)



Veterans Day at Middle School

On November 08, 2013 the Marshwood Middle School hosted their 13th annual Veteran's Day Celebration. As you enter the front door the students are greeting the guests and passing out red/ white & blue ribbons. There are other students having the guests sign their guest book. (Place photo)



Veterans lined the halls waiting for the students to greet them as the students entered the gym. (Place photo)



The Veterans and Guest were led into the Gym by David McLean, a Professional Bagpipe artist. (Place photo)



VFW Member Raymond Brunelle, a POW from Korea is leading the group followed by Gary Mayo, (Place photo)

Veterans Day at Middle School (Cont'd)

The veterans filed in and filled the chairs in the center of the gym. (Place photo)



The posting of the colors by the Elliot Police Department. (Place photo)

The Pledge of Allegiance lead by the Boy Scout troop #338. (Place photo)



Veterans Day at Middle School (Cont'd)

Mr. Tony Bourbon called all the WW II Veterans that were present and had them stand if they could so they could be recognized by the students and staff. (Place photo)



Slide show: I fought for you; all the different wars that our Veterans fought in came up on the screen. (Place photo)

Guest speaker: Mark Eves, speaker of the House, Gave a Tribute to Fallen Soldiers of Maine. (Place photo)



Veterans Day at Middle School (Cont'd)



Malcolm Kenney of VFW Post 5744 being recognized for all the Post does with the students at all the local schools. (Place photo)

Honoring our flag is Grade six Community.
(Place photo)



Banner made by the students presented to people from Rochester Home Depot for the new Veterans Display Case Built and donated to the school. The banner will be displayed at the store. (Place photo)

Veterans Day at Middle School (Cont'd)

Closing Comments is made by Principle John Caverly. This program takes a lot of Students and Staff, lots of hard work to put together. The program gets better every year. (Place photo)



After the closing comments, a lot of food is laid out for the Veterans. As always the School did a tremendous job putting the ceremony on. I can't wait until next year. (Place photo)

A great feed was enjoyed by all. Thank you. (Place photo)



Poppy 's on the bridge

On November 09, 2013 the VFW Post 5744 South Berwick, Maine had their annual poppy drive on the bridge between South Berwick and Rollinsford New Hampshire. At 07:00 AM, Adjutant Malcolm Kenney and Commander John Elwell set up on the bridge with the South Berwick and Rollinsford Police setting up a crusher on each side of the bridge to help slow down the traffic. People were stopping to donate even before we were ready to start.



Standing on the Rollinsford side of the bridge for the 7:30 to 9:30 shift are (L-r Commander John Elwell, Jerry Upton, and Anthony Cincotta. The weather was moderate but cold with little wind. (Place photo)

On the South Berwick side of the bridge is WWII/ POW Girard Vaillancourt at the young age of 90 years old. He had his chair but only used it once in a while. Historian Robert Place worked with Girard 7:30 to 9:30 am. (Place photo)



Poppy's on the bridge (Cont'd)



It was a very clear morning and stayed this way most of the day. The wind did come up later on in the day, but not too bad. It was still cold after two hours out there. (Place photo)

At 9:30 am David Fogarty and Roger Guptill took over the south Berwick side. (Place photo)



Poppy's on the bridge (Cont'd)



Another group replacing the 7:30 is (L-r) Richard Woods, Commander John Elwell, ready to leave and William Widders. (Place photo)

I didn't get back in time to get pictures of the third group. They were Mark Pilgrim, Glenden Johnson, Jeffrey Chase and Raymond Brunell.

Finishing the day is Commander John Elwell and myself finished the day on the South Berwick Side. The people were very generous this year.



Poppy's on the bridge (Cont'd)



Adjutant Malcolm Kenney and Hank Hanson finished the day on the Rollinsford end of the bridge. This was a great fund raiser for the post. We rose over \$3,000. I think this has been our best year. The Post wants to thank the public for their great contributions. This will help with all of our services that we do.

VFW Veterans Celebration



Commander John Elwell thanked the citizens of South Berwick for attending the Veterans Celebration and then had Pastor Bruce Brown offer a prayer.

Pastor Bruce Brown offered a prayer to honor our Veterans and prayed for the troops and their families that are in harm's way.



Boy Scouts lead the veterans and citizens in the pledge of allegiance.

VFW Veterans Celebration (Cont'd)



Ashley delivered a Message from Senator Susan Collins Office delivered a message. Dear Veterans and Friends:

It is an n honor to offer a few words on this special occasion as you gather in tribute to those who defend America and our freedom.

Veterans Day is a solemn anniversary. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 was not marked by the roar of cannon. Rather it was the moment the guns were silenced by courage, devotion to duty, and a commitment to freedom.

The virtues that brought that silence echo throughout our history, so it is appropriate that Veterans Day now honors all who have defended our nation in all places and at all times. The men and women we honor on Veterans Day have paid the price of our freedom in times of conflict and they are our shield in times of peace. We honor those who paid the ultimate price. We honor those who lived beyond their years of military service but who have since passed on. We honor those who remain missing and pledge that they will never be forgotten, and we honor those who are here today. Our nation owes a great debt to all who have served.

We repay that debt in part with the gratitude we express on Veterans Day, but only in part. Today, more than 23 million Americans wear the proud title of Veteran, more than 130,000 here in our great State of Maine. In addition to our gratitude, we also must repay our debt with the health care, rehabilitation services, educational and employment opportunities our veterans have earned by their service to our country. Just as our troops do not leave wounded comrades on the battlefield, the United States of America does not leave its veterans and their families behind.

Today on Veteran's Day, we honor the Americans who fought for the security of our nation, and for the benefit of mankind. They humbled tyrants, defended the innocent, and freed the oppressed. Those who continue to serve today- the veterans of Tomorrow_ carry the legacy of duty, courage and compassion inherited from prior generations. They like those who came before have earned our deepest gratitude and respect, not just on Veterans Day, but for all the days to come. May God Bless America, and God Bless our Veterans.

Sincerely
Susan M. Collins
Unites States Senator

VFW Veterans Celebration (Cont'd)

Students read their essays that they wrote at Great Works SAD 35 School. The students did a great job writing them on what a veteran means to them.



Noah Woodworth



Juliet Regonini



Alana Maretti



Corrin Hasty

VFW Veterans Celebration (Cont'd)

Our Guest speaker is Chuck Andrews. Chuck is a US Navel Graduate and 24 year Navy Veteran. His Navy service includes duty in destroyer, cruisers and submarines. He is a retired Navy Engineering Duty Officer and retired Electrical Engineer. He was married to the late Bettyjane "Beej" Lathrop for 54 years with their permanent home in York Maine since 1970. After retiring from the Navy, he has worked and lived in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and Alexandria, Egypt and until his recent retirement was employed at Tyco Telecommunications in Newington, NH. He is father, grandfather and great grandfather. His is an active member of several veterans' organizations and active participant with the Pease Greeters. His Hobbies/interest includes travel and spending time with family and friends. Chucks Veterans day deliverance is as follows: GOOD MORNING VETERANS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF VETERANS, and MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS SCOUTING ORGANIZATIONS AND FELLOW CITIZENS. WELCOME TO THE SOUTH BERWICK MEMORIAL VFW POST 5744 AND OUR VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE.



I'D LIKE TO BEGIN THIS OBSERVANCE WITH A SILENT MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL WHO'S LIVES WERE CUT SHORT IN DEFENSE OF OUR NATION. LET US ALSO PAUSE FOR A MOMENT TO THINK ABOUT THE FAMILIES WHO LOVED AND CHERISHED THEM AND THE SUBSEQUENT BURDENS OF THAT LOSS THEY WILL ALWAYS CARRY WITH THEM.

TODAY WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE DONE THEIR DUTY TO THE NATION THROUGH MILITARY SERVICE. EVERY AMERICAN, NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE, OR WHAT THEY DO, REAPS THE BENEFIT OF THAT SERVICE.

FROM THE BEGINNING IT BECAME CLEAR THAT OUR NATION WOULD HAVE TO BE DEFENDED IN ORDER TO SURVIVE. ONLY AT GREAT COST WOULD THE CONCEPT OF LIBERTY AND JUSTICE BECOME A REALITY...AND ONLY WITH GREAT SACRIFICE WOULD FREEDOM PREVAIL.

THROUGH THE YEARS IT HAS BEEN THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WEAR THE UNIFORM OF OUR ARMED SERVICES; IT IS AMERICA'S PROUD MARINES, SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMEN AND COASTGUARDSMEN WHO HAVE TENACIOUSLY DEFENDED AND PRESERVED OUR WAY OF LIFE.

VFW Veterans Celebration (Cont'd)

ACROSS THE NATION, IN SIMILAR GATHERINGS AS THIS ONE, PATRIOTIC AMERICANS ARE TODAY REMEMBERING THE COUNTLESS CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR NATION'S VETERANS AND THE MANY LONG STRUGGLES OF MAINTAINING OUR FREEDOM. AS WE HONOR THEM WE ALSO CONSIDER AND REFLECT - IN HUMAN TERMS - OF THE HIGH COST ATTACHED TO THE VICTORIES OVER TYRANNY AND THE MANY LIBERTIES WE, AS AMERICANS, ENJOY. CERTAINLY FOREMOST AMONGST OUR VETERANS' MANY AND REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IS OUR FREEDOM WHICH THEY HELPED US WIN.

TODAY IS A DAY TO COMMEMORATE AND CONFIRM THE SACRIFICE OF THOSE WHO UNDERSTOOD AND CHERISHED THE VALUES AND HIGH VIRTUES UPON WHICH OUR NATION WAS CONCEIVED.

IN CELEBRATING VETERANS DAY WE HELP TO HONOR THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF THIS NATION—WE LOOK TO TODAY'S GENERATION OF GREAT PATRIOTS AND THOSE OF THE PAST AND CONTEMPLATE THE COURAGE OF THE DECIDEDLY RELATIVE FEW TO WHOM WE OWE SO MUCH.

EVEN TODAY AS WE SPEAK THOUSANDS OF OUR BEST AND BRIGHTEST ARE DEPLOYED TO ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD IN DEFENSE OF THE FREEDOMS OUR VETERANS HAVE EARNED US. WE PRAY FOR THEIR SAFE RETURN AND STAND READY TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES WHILE THEY ARE AWAY. EACH PAGE OF AMERICA'S HISTORY IS ETCHED WITH THE SACRIFICE OF OUR ARMED FORCES. ON EACH PAGE IS WRITTEN THE LEGACY OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

FROM THE BATTLEFIELDS OF THE ARGONNE FOREST AND BELLIEU WOOD DURING WWI, TO THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY IN EUROPE AND THE JUNGLES OF THE PACIFIC DURING WWII, OUR ARMED FORCES FOUGHT AGAINST THE EVIL TYRANNY OF THE AXIS POWERS. AFTER YEARS OF BITTER FIGHTING AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES PREVAILED LIBERATING CONTINENTS AND MILLIONS OF THEIR CITIZENS FROM THE DARK GRIP OF AGGRESSION AND REPRESSION.

AND WHEN COMMUNISM THREATENED FREEDOM-LOVING NATIONS OUR MILITARY HELD THE LINE. THOUSANDS OF AMERICA'S FINEST DIED FIGHTING IN KOREA AND THOUSANDS MORE HAVE SERVED THERE IN THE YEARS SINCE TO ENSURE SOUTH KOREA REMAINS FREE.

DURING THE COLD WAR IT WAS OUR MILITARY THAT SUPPRESSED THE AMBITIOUS PLAN OF WORLD DOMINATION HELD BY THE SOVIET UNION. WESTERN EUROPE PROVED TO BE FERTILE GROUND FOR DEMOCRACY AND IT BLOOMED AND SPREAD THROUGHOUT OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

MORE THAN 3 MILLION OF OUR SERVICE PEOPLE SERVED IN VIETNAM FIGHTING AGAINST MORE THAN A DETERMINED ENEMY MILITARY FORCE. THEY HAD TO CONTEND WITH A HARSH AND EXTREME ENVIRONMENT: HEAT, JUNGLE, INSECTS, DISEASE AND HUMIDITY. WORST OF ALL WAS THE HOSTILITY AND THE ALIENATION THEY FELT FROM THEIR OWN COUNTRYMEN.

BUT OUR MILITARY HAS MORE THAN PERSEVERED SINCE THE DARK DAYS OF VIETNAM. SINCE THEN OUR MILITARY FORCES HAVE CONTINUED TO GO WHERE AND WHENEVER NEEDED TO PLACES SUCH AS PANAMA, GRENADA, LEBANON, AND IN SOUTHWEST ASIA DURING OPERATION DESERT STORM. AND

VFW Veterans Celebration (Cont'd)

TODAY OUR MILITARY IS ENDURING THE LONGEST SUSTAINED WARTIME MOBILIZATION IN OUR HISTORY.

TODAY IS THE DAY FOR ALL OF US TO RECOGNIZE ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN OUR ARMED FORCES. WE GIVE THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR THEIR SELFLESS SERVICE, COURAGE, INDOMITABLE SPIRIT AND THEIR DEVOTED DEDICATION TO OUR NATION.

BEFORE WE LEAVE HERE TODAY LET US OFFER A PRAYER OF THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY SERVING AND FOR THE GALLANT SOULS OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADES, FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES. LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER THE FREEDOMS OUR VETERANS HAVE EARNED FOR ALL OF US AND LET US ALWAYS DRAW STRENGTH AND INSPIRATION FROM WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE SUCH HEROES AMONG US.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA

Chuck Andrews



Master Piper Thomas Martineau Plays the haunting sounds of "amazing grace" on his bagpipe. Thomas Martineau is a USMC Veteran of Vietnam, who is entitled to wear the Purple Heart with a gold star denoting two awards for wounds he received in combat. (Place photo)

VFW Veterans Celebration (Cont'd)



(L-r) Firing Squad is: Anthony Cincotta, Michael Olson, Jeffery Chase and Richard Shaw. The Squad is Saluting the Veterans of the past. (Place photo)

Commander John Elwell thanked everyone for attending and closes the program.



VFW POST MEETING OF November 12, 2013

Commander John Elwell opened the meeting at 6 PM as per ritual.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



OPENING PRAYER FROM CHAPLAIN: BRUCE BROWN

Break for Dinner

GUEST INTRODUCTION: No Guest. 39 Members present

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Paul Lapierre reported on Dick LaBonte in Langdon Place, Rehab, Dover, also Phillip Lawrence is in Berwick Estates in So. Berwick, both could use a visit. Joseph Zagrosky and Cindy are still mending. Cindy is home from rehab doing better. Jim Keohan has been admitted to the York Hospital. Paul has mailed several get well cards. Please let one of the officers know if a member needs assistance or is hospitalized or in need of VA assistance.



MEETING MINUTES: Minutes are emailed to all members. A motion to accept as printed, by Anthony Cincotta, seconded by Roger Guptill. Motion passed.

November 12, 2013 Minutes (Cont'd)

QUARTERMASTER REPORT: QM Joseph Zagrosky reported the post received \$3514.24 dollars from the Poppy Toll Booth, and the 50-50 will add \$2500.00 to the account. Checking Account had \$12,111.96. All bills paid. A detailed breakdown is available at any time for review by members. A motion by Glenden Johnson to accept as reported. A second by: Mark Pilgrim. Motion passed.



OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEES: Work was completed on the locker at our storage room by Joel Hilton, Jeffrey Chase and Jerrie Upton to finish our weapons storage locker.

We need to set a date to clean the rifles soon and get them put away. We have had two members offer to help with the training, Richard Wood and Richard Maskell both have recently separated from the Army; also Michael Olson has ordered a manual. Richard Shaw is checking into web belts and John Elwell was going to price shirts. We need at least two additional members for the color guard.

VOD AND PP Essay's: Post judging of Essay's was completed today at 1 PM. Post Essay winners will be delivered to the District 11 chairman Chuck Andrews for next round of judging.

NEW BUSINESS: Commander John Elwell discussed the up-coming busy schedule and thanked members for the continued support of all our post projects. We had good attendance at the schools for the Veteran Day programs. Several members attended the classroom discussions. Many thanks! The students won't forget your stories.

Commander discussed dues for annual members. We have 23 unpaid. Every effort should be made to contact these members. They can save \$10 if they pay before the end of December, 2013. Dues are for 2014.

Toll Booth and 50-50 fund raiser: Malcolm Kenney thanked all members that worked both projects. A special thanks to Clinton Schoff, he sold half the 50-50 tickets.

Both these fund raisers will support our scholarship and Eagle Scout Programs and the holiday baskets for needy in four towns.

November 12, 2013 Minutes (Cont'd)

The 50-50 drawing was held with the following winners drawn.

2013 VFW POST 5744

50-50 Raffle Winners		Ticket No.
1. \$500	David Fogarty	1
2. \$300	Rebecca Johnson	28
3. \$200	Taylor Tsakiris	38
4. \$200	Tim Gray	22
5. \$150	Glenden Johnson	8
6. \$150	Gary Spaulding	13
7. \$150	Joel Hilton	14
8. \$150	Anthony Cincotta	15
9. \$150	Marylou Turcotte	27
10. \$150	Kitten Coldgate	30
11. \$100	Mark Pilgrim	39
12. \$100	M. H. Jones	17
13. \$100	Gerard Vaillancourt	12
14. \$100	Albert Roberge	16

Good of the order:

Anthony Cincotta spoke about Veteran Cemetery pre-registering. Toni had VA forms available for hand out.

William Wengers held the monthly Post 50-50 after the meeting. Thanks Bill this will help our relief account for dues.

Dates for November events will be e-mailed as received.

Commander mentions several as listed now.

Troop Flights as scheduled.

November 16, 0900 remove flags November 16, 1730 retire flags with Scouts, Hot dogs and hot chocolate.

No further business the meeting adjourned at 1945 with a closing prayer from Chaplain Brown.

Next regular meeting will be November 10, 2013.

Submitted by:

Malcolm Kenney

Adjutant



11/16, 2013 Flag Retirement

On November 16, 2013 the Boy Scouts met at Malcolm Kenney's home to dispose of the old flags, removed from the South Berwick Cemetery's in the morning. There was a poor showing of Scouts and VFW members but it all went well. Later on there were hot dogs and hot chocolate served.



Boy Scouts disposing of the used flags. (Kenny photo)



Between Flights At Pease



Front Row (L to R): Daniel Gauthier, Kenneth Goodwin, Daniel Hildreth, Malcolm Kenney

Second Row (L to R): Jimmy Warden, Nickolai Havoutis (maroon shirt), Dennis Brooks, Alex Preckol, Kyle Prouty (shirt and tie) and Tommy McDonald

Third Row (L to R): Jay Vinci, Hunter Fifield, Kyle Loughlin, Brendan Tallon, Josh Evans, James Kelley, Rich Anderson (far back), Grant Brown, Evan Tullar (gold shirt). (Daniel Gauthier Photo)

This is Daniel Gauthier, an assistant coach with the Norwich University men's basketball program; it was an honor for our program to have the opportunity to meet you, Dan and Ken last night. Attached, you will find some pictures that I took. Again, it was an honor and a pleasure for our team to have the opportunity to visit with you last night; I know we all truly enjoyed hearing about your experiences while defending our country. Our team has a couple of games in your area, if you would like to attend and visit with our players again.

Member passes



Roy C. Stevens.

Roy was a member of our post from Wells ME. He served in the US Army during WW II in France; he was a survivor of the invasion of Normandy and most of the battles of France. Roy received several medals to include the bronze star and two purple hearts. Roy was only with us for a while at the VFW post, but he was well liked and will be missed. Roy was a very proud man.

IN MEMORY OF

ROY CLEVELAND

STEVENS

Obituary for Roy Stevens

Roy C. Stevens, 89 yrs., a resident of Tatnic Road Wells, died Sunday November 24, 2013 at his home in the loving arms of his daughter.

Roy was born in York, Maine on June 24, 1924 a son of George C. and Alma (Eisan) Stevens. He grew up on the Stevens Farm on Tatnic Road, one of ten children – the 15th generation to live on the farm. He graduated from Wells High School while working on the farm till he enlisted in the US Army during WWII at age 17, with his mother's signature.



Member passes (Cont'd)

He went through basic training in Ft. McCallean in Alabaman for 13 weeks, and was sent to Camp Shelby in Mississippi before going into heavy Combat training in Northern Ireland. (he said this extensive training is what saved his life in France) He shipped to England and then to Normandy, in the first wave landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day. On July 26, 1944, he was wounded in the chest and in the right thigh. Three months later, he was shot again. He fought his way across France with a rifle and bayonet. The horrors he saw were unforgettable. He had flashbacks until the day he died. If it hadn't been for Roy and all of our veterans, we wouldn't be able to live our lives as we do today.

When he came in from the front, he went to the Red Cross for coffee and donuts, but was told no money – no coffee. The waitress, Louise, told him her broken English, come around to the back, you can have all the coffee and donuts you want – nine months later they were married.

Roy came home from the war and worked at everything and anything he could to support his family. When his child was born, he was making only .25 cents an hour. Roy was then employed by the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Hutchins Garage in Ogunquit and he did some carpentry. A few years later, he and his late wife Louise owned and operated the Linden Lodge in Ogunquit for eight years and bought Wonder view Motor Village in 1960, which they ran until 1970, and then retired.

Roy and his late wife, Louise, spent winters in Gulf Point, Florida for over twenty years. Roy and his family travelled to France on many occasions on the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth to visit their relatives in France.

He served on several boards and he also served as selectman for Town of Wells, Chairman of the School Board and also drove a school bus. He was never without a job. Roy was a member of Holy Spirit Parish at St Mary's Church of Wells, Life member of the American Legion and VFW Post of South Berwick. He is believed to be one of the last combat veterans from WWII in the Town of Wells.

Roy was an avid outdoorsman including fishing, hunting and gardening and especially loved spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed by all.

He was predeceased by his wife of 67 yrs., Louise Marie Augustine (Giquet) Stevens who died on August 27, 2012 and his eight brothers and sisters Ansel, Archie, Albert, Percy, Myrtle, Bertha, Helen and Agnes, and a granddaughter Shannon Durham.

He is survived by his loving daughter, Micheline Coulson, and her husband, Ernie, of Wells and a sister, Thelma Stevens Maling of Wells. Also four Grandchildren, Stephen Stone, Edward Durham, Angela McCarthy and Marcy Mayo; five great grandchildren Bethany, Nicole, Cassie, Josh, and Stevie; one great- great daughter Summer; and several nieces and nephews.

Member passes (Cont'd)

At the Church and the Cemetery the VFW Post 5744 members and a few of the Wells Legion were there to honor Roy Stevens. He was only with the Post for a short time, but it was always a pleasure to hear of his stories. Roy will be missed.



Pearl Harbor Celebration

On December 7, 2013 at 8:00 am Acting Commander Anthony Cincotta started the ceremony by calling the Veterans to attention and reciting the pledge. Next Chaplain Bruce Brown offered a prayer for those who have gone before us.



(L-r) Holding the flag is Raymond Brunelle, acting Commander Anthony Cincotta, Chaplain Bruce Brown and Charles Colwell
(Place photo)

Speaker Anthony Cincotta

It was a time before television, when radio was king and was the new -fangled source of news and entertainment for our nation.

It was an era of good times for most as the nation recovered from economic depression.

To many people it was the time of their young life. In a flash those times were gone, along with thousands of lives, as Pearl Harbor was attacked.

It was a day that would live in "infamy" as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt told an anxious nation of the attack.

Words that Americas heard emerge through scratchy radio speakers- for it was this act of aggression that brought America into the Second World War.

(Pause)

Today many may not remember Pearl Harbor, but almost all of us have first-hand experience of a terrible attack on our homeland.

September 11, 2001 will also be remembered for generations to come-just as we remember December 7, 1941. The events of that September day, that started out so routine, quickly brought to mind the attack on Pearl Harbor. For to many years the memory of December 7, 1941 was slipping away. It's heartbreaking to know that it took another tragic event to get us all thinking about our history.

It's important for America to remember our history, the high and low points. Pearl Harbor was certainly a low point.



Pearl Harbor Celebration (Cont'd)

We've come a long way as a nation and as a people since December 7, 1941.

That is why we gather to remember.

We remember those who made the supreme sacrifice on December 7, 1941. Taken in the prime of their lives by the all-consuming fires, explosions and strafing attacks, which rained down on them from a brilliant sun on what had started as a peaceful Sunday morning in Hawaii.

We know that remembering that day, is important to us and to the future of our nation. This is not a pleasant anniversary to recall. Yet the bond that joins men and women in uniform draws us to such ceremonies because it is our duty to help young Americans understand the terrible price our nation once paid for lack of Vigilance. It is our duty to them not to let our nation lose sight of the devastation those torpedoes, bombs and shells had on lives as well as hardware.

America survived that day of national disgrace. America will survive the more recent attack. The memory of December 7, 1941 must remain etched forever in the minds of succeeding generations. Coupled with the images of September 11th, they must paint the unforgettable collage of the price extracted by a lack of military preparedness. "Remember Pearl Harbor" must ever be the symbol of Consequence of underestimating the threats to peace and world stability. For us to fulfill that obligation of a bond, formed by our common experience in uniform requires that we never allow this day to fade from the memory of our young citizens. December 7, 1941 was a terrible lesson; it is a history lesson worthy of retelling over generations.

It is a lesson that we forgot, because we forgot we allowed history to repeat itself. December 7th is a lesson for all ages over the ages. That is why we are here today. Don't let anyone forget it.

Thank You



Charles Colwell threw the wreath into the water as everyone stood at attention at full salute. (Place photo)



The wreath will float out to sea. (Place photo)

Pearl Harbor Celebration (Cont'd)



After the water was decorated the firing squad saluted the dead. (L-r) Richard Shaw, Francis Milinski, Service officer Paul Lapierre and Mark Pilgrim. (Place photo)

After the firing squad saluted the dead, taps were played by Adjutant Malcolm Kenney. (Place photo)



We had just a few citizens show up for the ceremony. One lady, her husband is a Pearl Harbor Servicer. (Place photo)

Those lost at Pearl Harbor honored in South Berwick

By Crystal A. Weyers

cweyers@fosters.com

Sunday, December 8, 2013



Malcolm Kenney plays taps following a gun salute honoring the servicemen lost at Pearl Harbor in 1941 during a ceremony at the Counting House Boat Launch in South Berwick held by the VFW Post 5744. (John Huff/Staff photographer)

SOUTH BERWICK, Maine — Although the snow kept most snuggled in their warm beds Saturday morning, some rose early just as those who were stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii did on that day seventy-two years ago.

Post 5744 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars gathered at the Counting House boat launch on Liberty St. at 8 a.m. to hold a brief service in remembrance of those who lost their lives when Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese on the morning of Sunday, Dec. 7 of 1941.

"Today, many may not remember Pearl Harbor," said Post 5744 Adjutant Mal Kenney. "For many years, the memory of Dec. 7 was slipping away. It is important to remember our history, the highs and the lows, and that day was definitely a low."

Kenney said the day, along with Sept. 11, "paint the unforgettable collage" of military unpreparedness and underestimating threats.

"We allowed history to repeat itself," he said of Sept. 11. "We must never allow this day to be forgotten."

For those who lived and served in the times preceding the United States' declaration of war on Japan after that attack, life had been improving. The country was bouncing back strong from its economic depression.

Those lost at Pearl Harbor honored in South Berwick (Cont'd)

John Huff/Staff photographer VFW Post 5744 members fire a gun salute honoring the servicemen lost at Pearl Harbor in 1941 during a ceremony at the Counting House Boat Launch in South Berwick.



"In a flash those times were gone as were many lives," said Kenney.

Kenney said there used to be five Pearl Harbor survivors living in town, but now there are none. He said of those who did not perish at Pearl Harbor, only 3,000 are still alive today nationwide.

Post 5744 Chaplain Rev. Bruce Brown said, "Following the attack, it was the only time in history when the nation was 100-percent united."

He said the month following the attack saved America and "forever changed the world."

Brown led a prayer in remembrance and with a message for those who will carry the country forward.

"We must carry on that integrity, even during the chaos we see today," he said of those who gave their lives defending the nation's shores.

VFW member Ray Brunelle was also in attendance. Brunelle served in the Korean War and expressed the importance of remembering.

He said he was captured by the Chinese in 1957 and broke away in the only account of hand-to-hand battle with the Chinese. He was also seriously injured in an explosion and spent more than two years recovering in a hospital. "When I got out the Army didn't know what to do with me," he said. "So they retired me at 20 years old." VFW member and Purple Heart recipient Charles Colwell decorated the waters by tossing an evergreen wreath onto the river.

"This was beautiful," said Brown. "Four geese even flew above us in formation before the ceremony."

Fire Chief George Gorman came out for the ceremony, which had a smaller audience than most years, and said, "At least they're doing something."

Representative Bobbi Beavers said, "I always enjoy this particular ceremony."

Beavers said her uncle had been at Pearl Harbor after enlisting only a short time earlier. She said he became a career officer after he was recruited from college.

"He never talked about it though," she said. "A lot of old-timers don't talk about it, but I always admired him."

Wreaths Across America at Kittery

Each year in early December, a 4-mile convoy of 53-foot tractor-trailer trucks filled with fragrant, sweet evergreen wreaths wends its way from northern Maine down Route 1 through Kennebunk, Wells, York and Kittery, escorted by local police cruisers, fire trucks, even motorcyclists. It is another Christmas season, and volunteers from Wreaths Across America are again heading to Arlington National Cemetery to honor the nation's war dead by laying wreaths on their graves.

As they have for the past seven years, the caravan will stop at the Kittery Trading Post at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9, a day after leaving the Washington County town of Harrington. In Kittery, participants will be greeted by hundreds of flag-waving Seacoast residents along Route 1, so popular has this holiday tradition become.

"You know, like-minded people are a force to be reckoned with," said Karen Worcester, who, with her husband, Merrill, owns the Worcester Wreath Co. in Harrington. She is also director of Wreaths Across America, which incorporated as a nonprofit in 2007, although Merrill Worcester has been delivering wreaths to Arlington since 1992.

The organization has expanded significantly since its inception. While an anticipated 150,000 wreaths will head to Arlington, another 300,000 or so will go to small towns and big cities in every state throughout America, where they will be placed on the local graves of those who died serving the United States. Even American cemeteries overseas, such as the one in Normandy, France, will receive wreaths, Worcester said.

All the wreaths will be laid Dec. 14th when the convoy reaches Washington DC.



(L-r) VFW members are: 1st vice Commander William Wenners, Commander John Elwell, Jeffrey Chase, Adjutant Malcolm Kenney, _____ and WW II Veteran Kenneth Goodwin.
(Malcolm Kenney Photo)

Wreaths across America at Kittery (Cont'd)



Peace, Peace and Farewell. Rest easy and sleep well my brothers. Know the line has held, your job is done. Rest easy, sleep well. Others have taken up where you fell, the line has held



Wreaths Across America at Kittery (Cont'd)



Thousands turn out to Remember, Honor, and Teach. To all military families sacrificing Christmas and holiday season together, you are remembered and loved, wishing a Merry Christmas to you all. This photo was taken of volunteers as they unloaded at Fort Sam Houston National in San Antonio, Texas. (Terence Reynolds photo)

ARLINGTON, Va. — Thousands of people gathered at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday to lay 143,000 Maine-made wreaths on veterans' graves, helped along by a last-minute surge of donations that enabled organizers to surpass their goal.

"It's an emotional and almost life-changing experience," said Hattie Train, a junior at Portland's Cheverus High School who made the trip with more than a dozen other swim team members. "This is my second time coming down and every time it touches you."

Less than two weeks ago, Wreaths Across America was grappling with a side effect of the growth of the program to honor veterans.

Donations were up for wreath-laying ceremonies nationwide but the budget for the largest observance — at Arlington National Cemetery — was more than \$500,000 shy of the goal. As news of the shortfall spread, however, so did the response from people around the country eager to help.

On Saturday, it took the crowd less than two hours to transform Arlington's landscape with 143,000 green-and-red "remembrance wreaths" set against the simple white headstones. That figure was well above the original goal of 135,000 and up from 110,600 last year. More than 400,000 veterans or their family members are buried at Arlington.

Addressing the crowd during Saturday's opening ceremonies, Wayne Hanson from the Wreaths Across America board of directors got emotional as he recounted the flood of late donations — including \$5,000 sent by students at the School of the Ozarks, a small high school in Point Lookout, Mo.

Wreaths Across America at Kittery (Cont'd)

The character of those students out there who stepped up from way across the country to help us here in Arlington, that's what it's all about," said Hanson, the board's chairman.

What began as one Maine family's attempt to honor deceased veterans has grown into a national observance.

Back in 1992, Morrill Worcester of Worcester Wreath Co. found himself with 5,000 additional evergreen wreaths. After receiving permission, he brought the batch to Arlington from Harrington, Maine, and placed them on graves in an older, little-visited section of the cemetery.

Worcester, his wife, Karen, as well as other family members and employees continued the tradition. But it wasn't until a few years ago that the program took off after photographs of a snowy, wreath-covered Arlington went viral.

This year, Wreaths Across America planned to ship 470,000 to 500,000 wreaths to decorate graves in more than 900 locations, including some overseas.

"I really think it became our responsibility, at that point, to do what we do," Morrill Worcester said Saturday. "Today, I really think it is our obligation to be here and to do what we do."

Saturday's crowd included uniformed service members, gray-haired veterans, families with strollers and numerous Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups. As in past years, Maine was well represented.

Several dozen officers from the Maine State Police, the Portland Police Department, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and other police agencies, as well the Portland Fire Department, traveled to the Washington area.

Mainers were involved in the ceremonies, placing wreaths at the grave of President John F. Kennedy, the memorial to the sunken USS Maine battleship and at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

About a dozen tractor-trailers filled with wreaths made the trip from Maine, stopping in towns all along the route. They were escorted by the Maine State Police and Patriot Guard Riders on their motorcycles.

The first lady of Maine, Ann LePage, accompanied the truck convoy from Maine on the back of a three-wheeled motorcycle. Her husband, Gov. Paul LePage, came down later for Saturday's ceremonies.

Despite the snow, sleet and cold, Ann LePage said: "I already told them I am going to do it again next year."

Among the contingent from Portland's Cheverus High School was the Fornaro family, parents Giulia and Michele and daughters Alexia and Daniela. The family queued up several times at the tractor-trailers to receive wreaths.

"It's amazing, absolutely amazing," said Alexia, an 18-year-old senior making a return trip to Arlington.

Wreaths Across America at Kittery (Cont'd)

About two hours later, a large group from Cheverus accompanied their swim team coach, Kevin Haley, to the grave of his brother, William. The group watched respectfully as Haley – dressed in his formal Portland Police Department uniform – gently touched his brother's headstone, leaned the wreath against it, stepped back and saluted.

Haley, who is an advisory board member to Wreaths of America, then said a teary "thank you" to the close-knit group described as "a family" by some team members.

By noon, the tractor-trailers were empty – much to the dismay of Duane Drake, a D.C.-area resident searching for one last wreath for the grave of his brother's father-in-law.

Drake had already laid a wreath at the headstone of his father, Sgt. 1st Class William Coolidge Drake Jr., who died last spring after years of battling medical problems caused by exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. His son still visits the grave every other week.

Unable to find a wreath, Drake was walking down the road when a Worcester Wreath Co. SUV happened to drive by. After talking with Drake, Karen Worcester walked to the rear of the SUV, took out a final wreath and gave it to the man.

"I feel blessed," Drake said afterward as he walked toward his family member's grave.



VFW Post Meeting of December 10, 2013

The meeting was opened by Commander John Elwell at 06:00 PM. Saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge.

Prayer was giving by Post Chaplain Bruce Brown, and then broke for dinner.

Guest: Chuck Andrews from York VFW Post.

New member report: No new members

Members Present 28

Minutes of November 12 Post meeting: e-Mailed to all, copies for anyone who did not receive one, there are copies on the counter.

Motion to accept as printed, by Gary Spaulding and seconded by Rudolph Mayo. Motioned passed.

The Quarter Masters Report is giving by Joseph Zagrosky.

Checking Account: \$11,645.45

Received: \$ 793.00

Dispersed: \$2,825.91

No Bills Balance \$9,612.55



Service Officers Report: by Anthony Cincotta for Paul Lapierre. Our S.O. cards and fruit baskets were disbursed to service members. Toni reported that Richard LaBonte was home recovering and doing well. Phillip Lawrence could use a visit at Berwick Estates. Toni also thanked Post members for a great showing for both the wake and internment for Roy Stevens. Toni also spoke about VA enrollment and offered VA forms. If you know of a member in need of assistance please contact any officer.

Final Call: Member Roy C. Stevens WW II , our Post had a very good show at the wake and services for Roy Stevens. That is one of the things our Post is all about.

Sick Call: James Keohan is in Rehab, Post Health Care, 113 Low St. Newbury Port MA> 01950.

Tel.978-462-7373 room 229

Phillip Lawrence is in Berwick Estates, So. Berwick, ME.

Bernard Mushorn is home from Hospital and needs fruit basket.

Richard LaBonte is home from weeks in rehab.

Hazen (Jim) Currier is getting ready for shoulder surgery, waiting for Hospital.

December meeting (Cont'd)

Old Business:

VOD/PP Malcolm Kenney

Judging completed. All Post winners advanced to District 11. If our winners advance to state they must attend a banquet on January 11. This would be an overnight in Winslow and our Post would pay for room and banquet ticket for parents and members attending. A motion By Malcolm Kenney to pay as years in past, this should not exceed \$250. Members double up in rooms. It was Seconded By George Davidson. Motion Passed.

Veterans Day: John Elwell thanked all who attended schools.

Veterans in classroom! Students won't forget your stories, also thanked those working the Poppy Toll Booth. We made \$3514.28 great.

The Flag Retirement with Scouts thanks for those that attended.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor attended two events, great to have two Eagle Scouts from our post in attendance. Bruce Burk and Jim O'Louhgin, thanks to Mark Pilgrim and Anthony Cincotta for attending Ryan Gick's court of honor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fruit Baskets: For WW II and our confined Members.

A Motion was made to do the same as last year.

Donations to the Town's: For needy \$300 last year to four towns

The VOD/PP Banquet is January 11, Winslow, ME. VFW Post 8835. Don't know if we have a district winner yet.

Discuss purchase of rifle covers.

Commander thanked Anthony Cincotta and members for Pearl Harbor Service on 7 TH.

Wreaths across America, we had a good show from post members and District 11.

Present a Plaque to Jerrie Avery at January Meeting or his work Place. Motion to spend \$50 for Plaque, discussion: Anthony Cincotta and Malcolm Kenney

Motion by: Malcolm Kenney

Second: by: Roger Guptill

Motion Passed

We will Present Scholarships on December 29, 1200 Noon at the American Legion Rollinsford.

We have six to present.

Good of Order:

Chuck Andrews: Would you like to say anything, very good meeting.

Closing Prayer by Post Chaplain Bruce Brown

Adjourn at 1945

Submitted by: Next Meeting January 14, 2014

Malcolm Kenney

Adjutant

VFW Post 5744



Roger Dumont Passed

Article published Dec 25, 2013

this need flag: has no pic

SOUTH BERWICK, Maine — Roger G. Dumont “Chip,” 68, of South Berwick, Maine, passed away on Dec. 19, 2013, at Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

Born in Rochester, N.H., Oct. 22, 1945, he was the son of Armand and Eva Nadeau Dumont and attended Somersworth High School.

He was a Vietnam veteran having served with the U.S Marines and was honored with receiving a Purple Heart. Prior to his retirement he was a long time employee of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Roger was a member of the American Legion, Post 47 in Rollinsford, N.H.

Roger enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time outdoors puttering in his yard.

Roger will be deeply missed by his wife Carol (Shaw) Dumont; three sons: Kevin Dumont and his wife Jennifer and children Ryan and Emily of Berwick; Todd Dumont; Troy Dumont and son Zachary of South Berwick; a daughter, Kelly (Dumont) Pennell and son Casey of South Berwick; two brothers, Ronald Dumont and wife Martha of South Berwick, Roland Dumont and wife Frances of Somersworth, N.H.; and one sister, Elaine (Dumont) Tuttle of Rochester, N.H.

He was predeceased by one brother Armand “Pete” Dumont.

A military service will be held in the spring.

VFW Post 5744 Scholarship Awards

This is the precipitants that received the Scholarship awards from the Sons of the American Legion, VFW Post 5744 South Berwick and the Rollinsford Legion post. (Place photo)



Post Commander John Elwell presenting a check to Jacob Long. (Place photo)

Post Commander John Elwell presenting a check to Bobbie Hilton. Bobbie is the Daughter of VFW Member Joel Hilton. (Place photo)



VFW Post 5744 Scholarship Awards (Cont'd)



Post Commander John Elwell presenting a check to Alyssa Fogarty. Alyssa is the granddaughter of Past Post Finance officer David Fogarty. (Place photo)



Post Commander John Elwell presenting a check to Alli Schoff. Alli is Post member Clinton Schoff granddaughter. (Place photo)



VFW Post Meeting of January 14, 2014

Opening By Post Commander John Elwell

Prayer by Post Chaplain Rev. Bruce Brown

Break for dinner:

Guest: Jerry Avery, NH Veterans Service Officer, Retired LT Col. AF Vietnam, chopper Gun ship Pilot.

Guest: Kevin O'Day Berwick Academy Senior, Community Service Certificate for Veterans Day Program, 1st known at the school.



Commander Elwell presented a Certificate to Kevin O'Day and thanked him for selecting a community service project being the Veterans Day Program at Berwick Academy. Kevin stayed for the meeting and thanked the Post. (Place photo)

Commander Elwell presented a Plaque of appreciation to Jerry Avery for all the help he rendered to veterans over a 20 year period. He will be missed as a Service officer. Jerry spoke about the persistence our post has in taking care of veterans. Jerry was invited to join our post. (Place photo)



VFW January meeting (Cont'd)



New Member Report:

Bruce Serfass USA, Korea 53-55, South Berwick. (Place photo)

Members Present: 38 + 2 Guest



Minutes of December 10, Post meeting: E mailed to all, copies for anyone not receiving email is on the counter. Motion to accept, as printed: By William Weners and Seconded By: Gary Spaulding: Motion Passed.

Quarter Master Report: Joe Zagrosky

Checking Account: \$ 9,612.55.00

Received: \$810.10

Dispersed: \$335.30

Bills: No Bills

Motion to accept report By: Gary Spaulding

Seconded By: Mark Pilgrim

This was a Quarterly Report. Motion Passed

Service Officer Report:



VFW January meeting (Cont'd)



Paul Lapierre reported 19 Fruit Baskets were delivered to our WW II and confined members before Christmas.

Final Call: Roger G. (Chipper) Dumont, 19 December, 2013. Chipper was a Life Member, Purple Heart, Vietnam. No service. Spring Internment will be at the Springvale Veterans Cemetery.

Member SICK CALL:

James Keohan, In Rehab, Port Health Care 113 LOW St. Newberry Port MA. 01950

Tel. 978-462-7373, Room 229.

Philip Lawrence is at the Berwick Estates, So. Berwick, ME.

Bearnard Mushorn: Home from Hospital and has received a fruit basket.

Richard LaBonte: Home from weeks in rehab.

James Currier: Getting ready for shoulder surgery and is waiting for hospital.

Old Business:

VOD/PP Mal. Our VOD Essay Winner came in second at District 11; Gary Spaulding was the only post member to attend Essay Banquet in Winslow ME. Post Essay winners and parents will attend February meeting for awards. There will be a total guest 15.

December was very busy, we presented scholarships to six college students that have completed the first semester, and they were all grandchildren of our members. We attended the Wreaths across America, the Christmas Party at the Veterans Home in Scarborough ME. Held a Pearl Harbor Service, and Greeted several Troop Flights, I want to thank all the members for making this happen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership, with a last minute push, phone calls to unpaid members, we have collected dues and our Post is now over 100%.

With the National Dues increase we need to have a Motion to set post dues amount, it must be a minimum of \$31.50

Motion By: Malcolm Kenney

Seconded By: Jerry Upton

Motion Passed.

Motion By: Mark Pilgrim to donate \$100 to the children's home.

Seconded By: Anthony Cincotta

Motion Passed

VFW January meeting (Cont'd)

Set Date for Spaghetti Supper: March 15, 2014. A motion was made by Paul Lapierre, to change hours of supper to 4-6 PM and price to \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and Children under 10 free. Motion seconded By: Mark Pilgrim. Motion Passed. Paul Lapierre will have work sign-up at February meeting.

District 11 Commander Gary Spaulding spoke about Counsel and District meetings. Also Gary presented a certificate to the Post for reaching 101% membership for the years 2013 – 2014.



Troop Flights Greeting will be as scheduled.

March Meeting: Guest: Eagle Scouts, Three towns with parents and Scout Leaders, awards. Each new Eagle Scout will receive a \$100 monetary award and a certificate from the post. Need motion to approve funds. Motion BY: Malcolm Kenney

Second: By: Roger GUPTILL

Motion Passed

Closing Prayer by Pastor Bruce Brown

Adjourn at 19:45

Next Regular Post Meeting February 11, 2014. 6 PM

Submitted by:

Mal Kenney

Adjutant

VFW Post 5744



Plaque Presented



Plaque presented to Jerry Avery by Post Commander John Elwell of the VFW Post 5744 of South Berwick, Maine, for many years of service to the many Veterans that we brought to him for help. Thank you.
(Historian Robert Place photo)

Scholarship Announcements

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
SOUTH BERWICK MEMORIAL POST, NO. 5744
SOUTH BERWICK, MAINE 03908

January 16, 2014
Scholarship Announcements

South Berwick VFW Post 5744 is pleased to announce the award of scholarships to the following college students, they have successfully completed the first semester.



< **Bobbie Hilton** is the Daughter of VFW Member
Joel Hilton. (Place photo)

Jacob Long Grandson of
Commander John Elwell >



Hannah M. Cusack Not at the presentation



< **Alyssa Fogarty** is the granddaughter of Past Post Finance officer David
Fogarty. (Place photo)

Scholarship Announcements (Cont'd)

Alli Schoff Alli is Post member Clinton Schoff granddaughter. (Place photo



VFW pays out more than 2.2 million in scholarship money to High School, Middle School and Home schooled students for their Essay Contest.

We are pleased to announce local Essay winners. Students will attend a dinner awards event on February 11 at the VFW meeting with parents.

Voice of Democracy Essay Grades 9-12 and Home Schooled

Ryan Gick 1st place post, and 2nd place District 11, from Berwick, home schooled.

Kathleen Locke: 2nd place post, from So. Berwick 10th grade Marshwood.

Patriot Pen Essay Grades 6-8 and Home Schooled Students Michaela Flanders 1st place at post level. 8th grade Marshwood Middle School.

Simone F. Chagnon Placed in top three, 8th grade Marshwood Middle School.

Natalie R. Laroche: Placed in top three 7th grades from Noble Middle School.

Department of Maine 1st Place Voice of Democracy, Jonathan Abrahm, Sponsor Sanford VFW Post 9935: Advances to National Competition.

Department of Maine Patriotic Pen Essay 2nd place Chloe Ebbrecht, Sponsor Kennebunk VFW Post 6548,

VFW Meeting February 11th

VFW Post 5744
Commander: John R. Elwell
South Berwick, Maine
Vice Commander: William G. Weners

Mustered February 26, 1946
Junior Vice Commander: Robert Place

VFW Post Meeting of February 11, 2014

Opening By Post Commander John Elwell as per VFW Ritual

Prayer by Post Chaplain Rev. Bruce Brown

Break for dinner:

Guest: Student Essay Post Winners, Parents, Teachers and Judges
Teachers Mrs. Lapoint MMS and Mrs. Brown Noble MS, Judge Mrs. Stevens.
Commander Elwell presented Certificates and monetary awards to Patriot Pen Essay Post Winners. Patriot Pen Top three winners were Michaela Flanders 8th grade MMS \$100, \$50 winners were, Simone Chagnon 8th grade MMS, Natalie Laroche a 7th grader from Noble Middle School. Congratulations to all. We thank the teachers, parents and students for taking part in this scholarship program.
Students and guest were excused after the awards.

New Member Report:

Bruce Serfassb USA, Korea 53-55, South Berwick

Minutes of the January 14th 2014, Post meeting: E mailed to all, copies for anyone not receiving email are on the counter.

Motion to accept, as printed: By: William Weners

Seconded By: Mark Pilgrim

Motion Passed

Quarter Master Report: Joe Zagrosky

Checking Account: \$ 8,630.84

Received: \$271.89

VFW Meeting February 11th (Cont'd)

Dispersed: \$498.60

Bills: No Bills 50-50 \$68.00

Motion to accept report subject to audit

Motion By: Gary Spaulding

Seconded: Jim Currier

Motion Passed

Service Officer Report: Paul Lapierre

Member SICK CALL:

James Keohan, In Rehab, Port Health Care 113 LOW St. Newberry Port MA. 01950

Tel. 978-462-7373, Room 229.

Philip Lawrence is in Berwick Estates, So. Berwick, ME.

Fruit basket was delivered to Girard Vaillancourt.

Please let us know if there is a member or veteran in need.

Old Business:

Essay Awards. Patriots Pen Done. VOD No Show.

Spaghetti Supper: March 15th, Tickets see Mal Kenney, Workers Paul Lapierre has signup sheet for workers, we ask that members bring a Deserts, Pie, Cookies, Cake or Cookie brownie bars whatever.

Insurance from Dept. for town Malcolm Kenney to take care of.

Commander will discuss supper at next March 11, meeting.

Interest in treating WW II members and WW II Veterans with a breakfast or light lunch at Mayo's. This month, we would need drivers to pick up some of them and return them after the meal. Discussion: Date set for February 25, 10 AM, Mayo's

Correspondence: Thank you from Alyssa Fogarty for Scholarship.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership,

Nominations of Officers for next year, in March

Troop Flights Greeting as scheduled.

March Meeting: Guest: Eagle Scouts, Three towns with parents and Scout Leaders, awards. Each new Eagle Scout will receive a \$100 monetary award and a certificate from the post

Closing Prayer

Adjourn at 19:45

Next Regular Post Meeting March 11, 2014. 6 PM

Submitted by **Mal Kenney**

Adjutant

VFW Post 5744

WW II Veterans

On Tuesday, February 25, 2014 Post breakfast to honor our WW II members at Mayo's. 18 attended to break bread with some real heroes.



(L-r) Post Commander John Elwell and at 92 years young Girard Vaillancourt. Girard served in the US Army and was a POW in Germany. Still very active with our post he picks up food every Wednesday for the table of plenty he is a Pease Greeter and works our WW II program at the middle school. (Kenny photo)



WW II Veterans (Cont'd)



Center of photo left Frank Hall 95 years young, Frank was US Army served in the Battle of the Bulge and several other major battles. With hat on past post Commander Ernie Wood, left Roger Guptill, at end of table Mark Pilgrim. (Kenny photo)

Chuck Colwell at 93 years young has over 70 years in the VFW, he makes most meetings. Chuck was US Army and Purple Heart. We had four WW II members out of 19 in Post but 18 members showed up to break bread with our heroes. Good job commander John Elwell. (Kenny photo)



WW II Veterans (Cont'd)



(R-l) WW II Veteran Frank Hall, past post Commander Ernie Wood, WW II Veteran Girard Vaillancourt, Post Commander John Elwell, WW II Veteran Charles Cove and Robert Leister (Kenny photo)

Facing left to right Ken Goodwin US Army Philippines and Korea, Ken was at the signing of the Peace treaty of the Philippines at 19 years old. Ken at 87 years old is also very active with our Post, he is a Pease Greeter greeting Troops he also works our Post WW II program at the middle school. Next to Ken are Jeffrey Chase and Dawn Chase. (Kenny photo)



Philip Lawrence Obituary

Philip C. Lawrence of South Berwick – Philip C. Lawrence 89 of South Berwick passed away peacefully on February 27th after a period of failing health at Hyder Family Hospice House. He was born on October 19, 1924 the son of Luther Lawrence and Emma Ramsey Lawrence in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Philip grew up and was educated in Berwick, Maine. Prior to graduation in 1943 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps to serve his country. Upon returning home from WW II he married his childhood sweetheart, Carolyn Leach on Christmas Eve in 1947. They were married for 55 years.

They lived in Oklahoma for several years where Philip worked for American Airlines. They returned to Maine and in 1962 bought their beloved home, Windswept Farm.

Philip owned and operated Phil's Gulf Station for a number of years and then went to work at Robbins Auto parts in Dover. After retiring from Robbins, he worked part-time at C&J Trail ways.

Philip a proud member of the United States Marine Corps, serving in WW II with the VMF(N) 542 Night Fighters in the Pacific Theater. He continued to maintain long term friendships with many of his brothers in arms by attending numerous VMK (N) 542 reunions. He was a life time member of the VFW Post 5744 in South Berwick and belonged to the Berwick Legion Post 79. Philip enjoyed the friendships he made with his fellow veterans.

Philip enjoyed his home, weather sitting under the maple trees during the spring, summer and fall watching nature unfold or in the winter by the roaring fire enjoying the warmth and glow of his home.

He is predeceased by his loving wife Carolyn, his brother, Luther E. Lawrence and two sisters, Ada Plumer and Rosella Rice. He is survived by his longtime friends and caregivers, Pam Bethel and Bob Bethel and several nieces and nephews.





Joseph E. Foster
English Department

February 28, 2014

Dear Ken,

Once again, on behalf of my class "Days of Infamy...Years of Heroes: A History of World War Two" and also on behalf of York County Community College, I want to express my deepest gratitude and sincere admiration to you for your talk yesterday. I've taught that class for six semesters over the past five years, and have had over seventeen excellent W.W. II veteran presenters, some returning more than five times, but never have any of them had the impact nor the universal appeal to their audience that you did on Thursday afternoon. As you told your story, simply and eloquently, you had your listeners in the palm of your hand. I can guarantee that the 24 listeners in that room, who ranged in age from 19 to 76, will not soon forget you or your message. It was a powerful presentation, done with dignity, warmth, and sincerity.

I've reflected on the talk often over the last twenty-four hours, and it is obvious that the biggest reason your story so moved the group is the person telling it. Without directly saying so, you made it very clear that war is a terrible and wasteful business that sweeps all before it, no matter their age nor the side they represent. More than that, your own humility, honesty, and humanity shine through every word, so that everyone hangs on each sentence.

As an eighteen year old dropped into an awful place and time, and with a horrific job to do that had to be done, you clearly were a credit to your parents, your community, and your country. Nearly seventy years later, you obviously remain all of that, but your willingness to continue to serve, to help the generations who come after you to understand a time when the world was under siege, and to continue to look after your fellow servicemen and women of today—all of these make you a national treasure and a true patriot.

Thank you, once again, for coming.

Sincerely,

VFW Post Meeting of March 11, 2014

VFW Post 5744
South Berwick, Maine
Mustered February 26, 1946

Commander: John R. Elwell
Vice Commander: William G. Weners
Jr. Vice Commander: Robert Place

Opening By: Post Commander John Elwell as per VFW Ritual

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Bruce Brown

Break for dinner:

Guest: Had 20 guest, New Eagle Scouts, Scout Masters and parents from Berwick, ME. No. Berwick, ME. And So. Berwick, ME.

John Clark	Troop 312, No. Berwick
Andrew Schluntz	Troop 312, No. Berwick
Scott Valcourt	Troop 312 Scout Master No. Berwick

James Rochefort	Troop 313 Berwick
William Curtis	Troop 313 Berwick
Scott Vallen	Troop 313 Berwick Scout Masters

Jake Adams	Troop 338, So. Berwick, ME.
Conor LaSelva	Troop 338, So. Berwick, ME.
Daniel Olsen	Troop 338, So. Berwick, ME.
Adam Hollick	Troop 338, Scout Master, So. Berwick, ME.

Ryan Gick	Troop 777, Barrington
-----------	-----------------------

Ryan Gick Present with VOD Award and Certificate, Ryan placed first in our VOD Essay contest and second place in District 11. District winner came in first place at state and 8TH in the National Competition getting \$3500 award. Ryan you did a great job with your essay and we are very proud of you.

That concludes our Awards tonight we thank you all for your achievements and wish you all the best. Thanks Parents and Scout Leaders. You are free to leave now.

VFW Post Meeting of March 11, 2014 (Cont'd)

Resume Meeting Business:

New Member Report: No New Members Tonight.

Minutes: From Meeting of 2-11-14, E-mailed, copies available on counter.

Motion to Accept by: Mark Pilgrim

Seconded by: Bill Weners

Motion to: Passed

Quartermaster's Report: Joe Zagrosky:

Checking Account: \$6606.00

Disbursed: \$25.00 National Convention Registration

\$12.30 Get Well Cards

Bills: No Bills

Motion to accept By: Toni Cincotta

Subject to audit.

Seconded by: George Davidson

Motion: Passed

Service Officer Report: Paul Lapierre,

Paul spoke about the post support given to Phill Lawrence during the last two years and at his services, we had a great turn out. A fruit basket was delivered to Joe Zagrosky after his surgery, good to see you here tonight Joe.

We still have Jim Keohn in Rehab, Port Health Care, Newberry Port, MA. Room 229, Tel.978-462-7373. If any member or veteran needs assistance contact me or any post officer.

Old Business:

Spaghetti Supper: March 15, 2014, 4-6 PM, Paul Lapierre has work signup, we need help we need Deserts, see Paul, John or Mal. We have tickets it would be nice if each member took two to sell. We are hoping to feed 250. Let's hope for good weather.

Commander John Elwell Thanked those helped judge Scout Pine Wood Cars.

Received a \$20.00 donation from Eagle Scout Grandfather Mr. LaSalva

New Business:

VFW Post Meeting of March 11, 2014 (Cont'd)

Discussion request to make donation to Honor Flight by Girard Vaillancourt Motion by: Mal Kenney to donate \$200.00 to Honor Flight

Seconded by: Glen Johnson

Motion Passed

Commander John Elwell opened nominations for Elected 2014-2015 Post Officers:

Nominations:

Commander: John R. Elwell,

Senior Vice: Bill G. Weners,

Junior Vice: Dick Shaw,

Quartermaster: Joe R. Zagrosky

Chaplain: Rev: Bruce L. Brown

Trustees

3 Year: Jim Currier

2 Year: Mark Pilgrim

1 Year: Dave Fogarty

Appointed Officers:

Adjutant: Mal Kenney

Judge Advocate: Gary R. Spaulding

Surgeon: Roger L. Guptill

Officer of the Day: Rudi Mayo

Service Officer: Paul R Lapierre

Greeting Troop Flights. Hot Line 603-766-0502

3-12-14 6:15 AM Heading Over

3-12-14 3:00 PM Heading Over

3-16-14 10:40 AM Returning Home

Correspondence: Thank you from Pam and Bob Bethel with \$50 donation to Post in memory of Phill Lawrence, and to thank members for all the support rendered to Phil.

50-50 Raffle: \$116.00, \$58.00 to Post and \$58.00 to winner

Closing Prayer Chaplain Bruce Brown

Adjourn at 19:45

Next Regular Post Meeting April 8th, 2014. 6 PM

Submitted by Mal Kenney

Adjutant

VFW Post 5744

VFW March work sheet

VFW Post Meeting of March 11, 2014

Opening By Post Commander John Elwell as per VFW Ritual

Opening Prayer by Anthony Cincotta

Break for dinner:

Guest: New Eagle Scouts, Scout Masters and parents from Berwick, ME. No. Berwick, ME. And So. Berwick, ME.

John Clark	Troop 312, No. Berwick
Andrew Schluntz	Troop 312, No. Berwick
Scott Valcourt	Troop 312 Scout Master No. Berwick

James Rochefort	Troop 313 Berwick
William Curtis	Troop 313 Berwick
Rick Raynes Scott Vallen	Troop Scout Masters Troop 313 Berwick

Jake Adams	Troop 338, So. Berwick, ME.
Conor LaSelva	Troop 338, So. Berwick, ME.
Daniel Olsen	Troop 338, So. Berwick, ME.
Adam Hollick	Troop 338, Scout Master, So. Berwick, ME.

Ryan Gick	Troop 777, Barrington
-----------	-----------------------

Bruce Burk **Both Eagle Scouts from our VFW Post will speak.**

Jim O'Louhglin Girard Vaillancourt, Scout stories???

Ryan Gick Present with VOD Award and Certificate, Ryan placed first in our VOD Essay contest and second place in District 11. District winner came in first place at state and 8TH in the National Competition getting \$3500 award. Ryan you did a great job with your essay and we are very proud of you.

That concludes our Awards tonight we thank you all for your achievements and wish you all the best. Thanks Parents and Scout Leaders. You are free to leave now.

Resume Meeting Business:

New Member Report: No New Members Tonight.

Minutes: From Meeting of 2-11-14, E-mailed, copies available on counter.

Motion to Accept by:

Seconded by:

Motion to:

VFW March work sheet (Cont'd)

Quartermaster's Report: Joseph Zagrosky:

Checking Account:

Disbursed:

Bills:

Motion to accept By:
audit.

Seconded by:
Motion to:



Subject to

Service Officer Report: Paul Lapierre,

Paul spoke about the post support given to Philip the last two years and at his services, we had a grate basket was delivered to

Joe Zagrosky after his surgery, good to see you here tonight Joe.

We still have James Keohan in Rehab, Port Health Care, Newberry Port, MA. Room 229, Tel.978-462-7373. If any member or veteran needs assistance contact me or any post officer.

Lawrence during
turn out. A fruit

Old Business:

Spaghetti Supper: March 15, 2014, 4-6 PM, Paul Lapierre has work signup, we need help we need

Deserts, see Paul, John or Mal. We have tickets it would be nice if each member took two to sell. We are hoping to feed 250. Let's hope for good weather.

New Business:

Commander John Elwell opened nominations for Elected 2014-2015 Post Officers:

Nominations:

Commander: John R. Elwell,

Senior Vice: Bill G. Wengers,

Junior Vice: Dick Shaw, Robert K. Place,

Quartermaster: Joe R. Zagrosky

Chaplain: Rev: Bruce L. Brown

Trustees

3 Year: Jim Currier

2 Year: Mark Pilgrim

1 Year: Dave Fogarty

Appointed Officers:

Adjutant: Mal Kenney

Judge Advocate: Gary R. Spaulding

Surgeon: Roger L. Guptill

Officer of the Day: Rudi Mayo

Service Officer: Paul R Lapierre

VFW March work sheet (Cont'd)

Greeting Troop Flights. 603-766-0502 Hot Line

3-12-14 6:15 AM Heading Over

3-12-14 3:00 PM Heading Over

3-16-14 10:40 AM Returning Home

Correspondence: Thank you from Pam and Bob Bethel with \$50 donation to Post in memory of Phill Lawrence, and to thank members for all support rendered Pill.

Closing Prayer Chaplain Bruce Brown

Adjourn at 19:45

Next Regular Post Meeting April 8th, 2014. 6 PM

Submitted by **Mal Kenney**
Adjutant
VFW Post 5744



VFW Supper March 15, 2014

Wife and I got to the South Berwick Community center at around 3:00 pm and the VFW members Paul Lapierre and Michael Olson were setting up the tables.

Ilene Mayo delivered the sauce and Spaghetti that she precooked for the Post. David Fogarty has since retired and said that we needed to have some else prepared the food.



When you enter the hall, Joseph Zagrosky, finance officer, selling tickets and Glendon Johnson and Commander John Elwell are selling Raffle 50/50 tickets. At the end Phyllis Place had the winning ticket. (Place photo)

At 4:45 the tables are getting pretty full and the Boy Scouts are busy resetting the tables. (Place photo)



Getting the deserts and salad ready are (L-r) Nancy Brown, Judy Elwell, Phyllis Place, Debi Zagrosky and Ann Pilgrim. (Place photo)

VFW Supper March 15, 2014 (Cont'd)

In the kitchen serving are (L-r) Allen Patterson, Mark Pilgrim and Ray Brunelle. (Place photo)



Out back in the kitchen getting the food ready and ready to do dishes is (L-r) Robert Leister, Malcolm Kenney not shown and David Peterson not shown doing the dishes, Nicholas Tsakiris, Daniel Hildreth, and Richard Wood heating the sauce, Spaghetti and Garlic Bread. (Place photo)

Scouts pack 338 is (L-r) Jason Mongeon, Kevin Couture, Dean Mongeon, Josh Hollick, Brian Couture, and Joe Wesselink. (Place photo)



VFW Supper March 15, 2014 (Cont'd)

At 5:20 the hall is fully seated with many already had their meal and left.

Seating people as they get their food are Pastor Bruce brown and Paul Lapierre and also serving water. (Place photo)



. Roger Guptill is letting them know how many seats they need together as people are served. (Place photo)

Jeffrey Chase is refilling coffee and David dale is making the coffee as it is needed. (Place photo)



I was told we served around 160 people so the supper went well. Raymond Brunelle presold \$1,000 worth of meal tickets. It turned out to be a good fundraiser.

Obituary for Gordon Horne

IN MEMORY OF GORDON URBAN HORNE



Gordon Urban Horne, 96 years, a resident of Old Pine Hill Road, died Thursday, March 19, 2014 at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover, NH following a lengthy illness.

Gordon was born December 27, 1917 in Lowell, MA, a son of Urban Horace and Frances R. (Hager) Horne.

He grew up in Lowell and attended Lowell schools.

Gordon served in the US Army and fought in WWII in the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion. He was trained in Africa, fought in Sicily and ended fighting in Austria at the end of the war. While in Bavaria, Gordon's battalion helped to liberate a town and specifically the mayor's son, Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger, whom we would later know as Pope Benedict XVI. Gordon has been a member of the VFW post 5744 South Berwick, Maine for 21 years.

Mr. Horne was an avid fisherman and hunter and loved dogs. He loved camping with his family and especially enjoyed camping on the shores of Caucomgomoc Lake in Maine.

He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia (Mills) Horne who died in 1990.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret "Peggy" Bradbury and her husband David of Sanbornville, NH; a brother, Carl Horne of Berwick, and one grandchild, Nathan Kyle Bradbury of Berwick.

A private graveside service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery in Berwick. Should friends desire, memorial donations may be made to the Lakes Region Humane Society, PO Box 655, Ossipee, NH 03864.

Arrangements are in care of Laing-Bibber Funeral Chapel, 36 Rochester Street, Berwick, ME 03901.
www.bibberfuneral.com

VFW April 8th Meeting

VFW Post 5744
South Berwick, Maine
Mustered February 26, 1946

Commander: John Elwell
Vice Commander: William Weners
Jr. Vice Commander: Robert Place

VFW Post Meeting of April 8, 2014

Opening By: Post Commander John Elwell as per VFW Ritual

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Bruce Brown

Break for dinner:

Guest: No Guest

Resume Meeting Business:

New Member Report: No New Members Tonight.

Minutes: The minutes from Meeting of 3-11-14, E-mailed, copies available on counter.

Motion to Accept by: Hank Hansen

Seconded by: Bruce Burke

Motion: Passed

Quartermaster's Report: Joseph Zagrosky out of state report from Quarterly

Checking Account: \$8025.51

Disbursed: \$1055.49.

Eagle Scouts \$800.00

Honor Flight \$200.00

Fruit Basket \$18.49 Rick Willis

Mayo's for supper??

Received

\$2155.00 Spaghetti Supper

Bills: No Bills

Motion to accept By: Mark Pilgrim

Seconded by: Daniel Hildreth

Motion: Passed

Service Officer Report: Paul Lapierre,

Paul spoke about the passing of Gordon Horn 96, WW II, from Berwick, at his request no service.

Just received word that Hazen Currier has Pneumonia, he is home. 336 High Street, No. Berwick 03906.

We still have James Keohan in Rehab, Port Health Care, Newberry Port, MA. Room 229, Tel. 978-462-7373. If any member or veteran needs assistance contact me or any post officer.

Old Business:

Spaghetti Supper: Commander John Elwell thanked all for working the supper and make sure to thank the lady's for the Desserts and all the help working the supper. We are unable to give a complete breakdown of what we made until QM Joe is back for the next meeting. We did learn several things to improve on for next year.

VFW April 8th Meeting (Cont'd)

Mayo's did a great job with the meal. And the cook's Nicholas Tsakiris, Daniel Hildreth and Richard Wood did a great job keeping up with the servers.

New Business:

Commander John Elwell nominations for Elected Officers for 2014-2015 Nominations are still open. Are there any new nominations for elected officers at this time? If not we will close nominations and hold election of those nominated at this time. Those elected will be installed at the May 13, meeting. They will assume their duties after the June 20-22 Department Convention.

Nominations:

Commander: John Elwell,
Senior Vice: William Wengers,
Junior Vice: Richard Shaw,
Quartermaster: Joseph Zagrosky
Chaplain: Rev: Bruce Brown

Trustees

3 Year: Hazen Currier
2 Year: Mark Pilgrim
1 Year: David Fogarty

Appointed Officers:

Adjutant: Malcolm Kenney
Judge Advocate: Gary Spaulding
Surgeon: Roger Guphill
Officer of the Day: Rudy Mayo
Service Officer: Paul Lapierre

Two Flights Added

Date	Day	E.T.A.	Direction	YTD	Total
11-Apr-2014	Friday	3:50 AM	Going Over	27	694
15-Apr-2014	Tuesday	2:10 AM	Going Over	28	695
17-Apr-2014	Thursday	6:00 PM	Going Over	29	696
20-Apr-2014	Sunday	9:40 AM	Returning Home	30	697
22-Apr-2014	Tuesday	4:30 PM	Returning Home	31	698
27-Apr-2014	Sunday	9:40 AM	Returning Home	32	699

Correspondence: Thank you from Joe Foster English Department, York County Community College. To Kenneth Goodwin for attending his class A History of WW II. Commander John Elwell read the letter.

VFW April 8th Meeting (Cont'd)

Request

We have a request for a donation to the Old SB Historical Society; they want to purchase a civil war uniform to be used for the walk through history that will take place in May for the local schools. This was brought up by Anthony Cincotta at the February meeting without a motion. Need a Motion to donate at least \$100 to help them out.

Motion by Malcolm Kenney to donate \$100

Seconded By: George Davidson

Motion Passed

Motion was made to donate 20% of bill to E. Mayo for Dinner prep. Motion by: Mark Pilgrim

Seconded By: Malcolm Kenney Motion Passed

We need a sign up for next meeting, Mayo's will need good numbers, and we hope to have a full house with guest, your wife and possibly the State Commander. Need to see what Mayo's is planning for a meal and cost per plate.

We will elect Delegates and Alternates to the District Convention and Department Convention. One delegate and one alternate for every 30 members.

Malcolm will send this list to the Department.

John are you interested in having a speaker for the June meeting, to speak about PTSD? Sue Daigneault .Who's Dad received the Medal of Honor. Her husband is in our post.

Good of the Order:

Closing Prayer Chaplain Bruce Brown

Adjourn at:

Next Regular Post Meeting May 13, 2014. 6 PM, Minor Business

Submitted by Malcolm Kenney

Adjutant

VFW Post 5744



Pease Flight 998



By Shelley Walcott

BIO

Pease Greeters welcome troops stopping at NH airport

Group will welcome its 700th military flight Saturday

Published 2:04 AM EDT Apr 23, 2014

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. —A major milestone is about to be reached at Pease International Airport. The Pease Greeters will welcome their 700th military flight this weekend. It's all part of their mission to thank troops for their service, one plane at a time. A cross section of America was at the airport Tuesday. Everyone from kids to dogs was there to greet some of the country's heroes. We've got Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts. We got World War II veterans and everything in between," said Dick Forde, a member of the Pease Greeters.

(L-s) greeting the troop is Daniel Hildreth VFW Post 5744 member. (R-s- F-b) Post Adjutant is Malcom Kenney, Post Historian Robert Place and WW II Veteran Kenneth Goodwin.



Forde sits on the board of directors for the group, whose mission is to welcome troops passing through the airport on their way to or from conflict in any part of the world.

A boisterous round of cheering and applause greeted Marines home from Afghanistan. New Hampshire was the first stop stateside for the Marines headed to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

They were greeted with warm hugs and warm food, and they were overwhelmed by the kindness.

"It makes you realize what you're doing," said Brian Lewis, a Marine. "People come out and they thank you and stuff. It makes you feel good about what you're doing."

"This was really unexpected. It was great. We were not expecting this at all," said Joshua Tatterson, a Marine.

"It's new. I kind of felt famous," said Jonathan Parks, a Marine.

Miss New Hampshire and other beauty queens were there to greet the Marines on Tuesday.

"It's a really patriotic moment," Miss New Hampshire Samantha Russ said.

Pease Flight 998 (Cont'd)

There was also a group from the New England Patriots, including former player Vernon Crawford.

"It was an amazing feeling for me just seeing the guys gasp as someone was there for them as they got off the plane," Crawford said. "That was just so amazingly touching to me. These people are over there risking their lives for our safety, and we want to thank them for it."

The Pease Greeters will welcome their 700th plane Saturday.



George Davidson with New England Cheer leaders



Frank -----, -----, and Susann Davidson, is always at the airport with her husband George Davidson who is the chairman of the Pease greeters.

During the ceremony, Malcolm Kenney is telling the story about the star which we give to the troops. We have given out thousands of them



Quilts of Valor

On May 4, 2014, the Rollinsford Legion Post sponsored the second annual quilt presentation to local Veterans in the area. The Ladies who made these quilts presented 36 to local Veterans today. In years past, some Veterans were poorly treated as their service to the country was confused by some with personnel estimation of the countries politics.

Sunday, at Rollinsford American Legion Post 47, there was none of this as 36 veterans were recognized for their service to their country. They were veterans from wars dating back to the 1940's and WW II. Bill Robinson, director of the Legion Riders #47 welcomed an overflow crowd to the hall, and the honors presentations started. Sa the name of each volunteer was called by Robinson, including a description of their service time and duty locations, members of quilts of valor met them at the front of the hall near the stage. 36 veterans were presented with a colorful, locally handmade quilt.



Anthony Cincotta member of Legion Post 79 for 43 years and VFW post 5744 South Berwick for 8 years received his quilt. Tony was in the United States Army and was stationed in Korea and Vietnam. (Place photo)

Donald Heath member of Legion Post 79 for 36 years and VFW post 5744 South Berwick 34 years received his quilt. Donald was in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Vietnam. (Place photo)



Quilts of Valor (Cont'd)



Chaplain Bruce Brown member of VFW 5744 South Berwick for 6 years and is the Pastor for the Bible Speaks in South Berwick. Bruce was in the United States Army and was stationed in Vietnam. (Place photo)

Glenden Johnson Member of the VFW south Berwick for 21 years received his quilt. Glenden was in the United States Army and served in Korea. (Place photo)



Dexter Littlefield member of the VFW South Berwick for 2 years received his Quilt. Dexter was in the United States Army and was stationed in Korea. (Place photo)

Loyalty Day Local Schools



On May 5th At 9:30 AM members of the VFW met at the South Berwick Central School to teach the morning Kindergarten about the American Flag. Commander John Elwell, Adjutant Malcolm Kenney , Mark Pilgrim, Pastor Bruce Brown, William Wenners and Historian Robert Place were present. (Place photo)



The VFW is back at Central School at 1:00 PM to meet with the afternoon Kindergarten to teach the students about the flag. They all did a great job. Members present were Commander John Elwell, Mark Pilgrim, Adjutant Malcolm Kenney, Michael Olson, and Historian Robert Place. (Place photo)

Loyalty Day Local Schools (Cont'd)



On May 6 at 8:40 AM members of the VFW met at the South Berwick Sea Coast Christen School to teach the morning Student about the American Flag. The students did the pledge and they even help fold the flag. VFW members were (L-r) Pastor Bruce Brown, Mark Pilgrim, Michael Olson, Commander John Elwell, adjutant Malcolm Kenney and Historian Robert Place. (Place photo)

On May 7th at 9:00 AM members of the VFW met at Rollinsford Grade School, Rollinsford New Hampshire in side of the class room. VFW members were (L-r) Michael Olson, Commander John Elwell, 1st Vice Commander William Weners, Adjutant Malcolm Kenney and Historian Robert Place. (Place photo)



Loyalty Day Local Schools (Cont'd)



On May 9, 2014 members of the VFW met at the North Berwick Primary School for Loyalty Day: Young American Awards Presented to 55 Students.



On May 9, 2014 members of the VFW met at the Hanson School in Lebanon, ME. Young American Award presented to 82 Students. I learned how to say the Pledge of Allegiance. (L-r) Mark Pilgrim, Commander John Elwell

Loyalty Day Local Schools (Cont'd)



Members of South Berwick VFW Post 5744 visit Berwick, ME. At the Hussey School for Loyalty Day Service. Flag Training and Young American Award Presented to 106 students. (L-r) Mark Pilgrim

Taps



VFW Post 5744 South Berwick, Maine

July 2013– June 2014



<i>Member</i>	<i>Conflict</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
<i>ROY C. STEVENS</i>	<i>USA WW II</i>	<i>NOVEMBER 25,2013</i>
<i>Roger G. Dumont</i>	<i>USMC Vietnam</i>	<i>December 19, 2013</i>
<i>Philip C. Lawrence</i>	<i>USMC WW II</i>	<i>February 27, 2014</i>
<i>Gordon U. Horn</i>	<i>USA WW II</i>	<i>March 19, 2014</i>

Index

A	
Aiello, Larry	24
B	
Barna, Calvin	38
Bourbon, Tony	44
Boy Scout troop #338	43
Brown, Bruce..... 1, 10, 18, 33, 51, 67, 71, 78, 79, 83, 86, 90, 97, 99, 102, 113, 114, 115	
Brunell, Jerry	39
Brunelle, Raymond..... 3, 10, 12, 16, 42, 67, 105	
Burke, Bruce.....	22
C	
Caverly, John	46
Central School	20, 21, 114
Chase, Jeffrey..... 5, 12, 14, 16, 23, 32, 49, 59, 72, 94, 105	
Chase, Roland	17
Cincotta, Anthony 12, 26, 30, 31, 32, 47, 57, 58, 60, 67, 78, 79, 85, 100, 112	
Cove, Charles	26, 94
Currier, Hazen	1, 27
D	
Davidson, George.....	16, 79, 111
Dupuis, Matthew	25
E	
Elliot Police Department	43
Elwell, John 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 26, 31, 32, 34, 40, 47, 49, 51, 57, 58, 59, 72, 78, 79, 81, 82, 83, 87, 88, 90, 92, 93, 94, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 103, 114, 115, 116	
Eves, Mark.....	44
F	
Farnham, Ray	18, 19, 24
Fogarty, David	1
Ford, John	16
G	
Gagnon, Cindy.....	23
Gagnon, Joseph.....	22
Goodwin, Kenneth	12, 16, 62, 72, 110
Guptill, Roger	1
H	
Hansen, Charles.....	27
Hasty, Corrin.....	38, 53
Haven, Carlie	37
Heath, Donald.....	112
Hildreth, Daniel	23, 25, 27, 32, 62, 104, 110
Hilton, Joel.....	23, 32, 59, 60, 81, 88
Hohn, Connor	38
Honoring our flag	45
Howarth, Richard	16
Hussey/Hilton Memorial	24
J	
Johnson, Glenden.....	12, 18, 23, 31, 32, 49, 59, 60, 113
K	
Kenney, Malcolm 1, 6, 12, 14, 15, 16, 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 45, 47, 50, 59, 60, 61, 62, 69, 70, 72, 79, 85, 86, 91, 104, 108, 109, 111, 114, 115	
Keohan, James.....	31, 78, 85, 91, 101
Key, Francis Scott	35
Kriz, Carmela	37
L	
LaBarge, Gabrielle	35
LaBarge, Paul	35
LaBonte, Richard	3, 22, 31, 78, 85
Lapierre, Paul 1, 4, 15, 16, 30, 31, 58, 69, 78, 85, 86, 91, 98, 101, 103, 105	
Lawrence, Phillip	31, 58, 78
Leach, Colby	37
Littlefield, Dexter.....	113
M	
Maldonis, Meghan.....	36
Manero, Ella	34
Marshwood Middle School	42
Maskell, Richard	24, 32, 59
Mayo, Eileen.....	24
Mayo, Gary.....	42
Mc Bride, William.....	3, 27
Mc Grain, Richard.....	27
McLean, David	42
Methodist Church.....	30

Millinski, Francis.....	16, 22, 31, 69
Moretti, Alana.....	39
Muentener, Christian.....	27

N

National Military Aid.....	25
new Veterans Display Case.....	45
North Berwick Primary School.....	116

O

Olson, Michael.....	30, 32, 57, 59, 103, 114, 115
Ouellette, Dennis.....	26

P

Peterson, David.....	25, 104
Pilgrim, Mark 1, 4, 18, 23, 24, 27, 31, 49, 59, 60, 69, 79, 84, 85, 86, 90, 93, 98, 99, 101, 104, 114, 115, 116, 117	
Place, Phyllis.....	1
Place, Robert 1, 13, 17, 22, 23, 30, 47, 87, 90, 97, 110, 114, 115	

R

Regonini, Juliet.....	37, 53
Reilley, James.....	25
Rollinsford Grade School.....	115
Rooney, Abi.....	39

S

Schoff, Clinton.....	16, 59, 82, 89
Shaw, Richard.....	16, 30, 32, 57, 59, 69
Smith, Skip.....	30

South Berwick Sea Coast Christen School.....	115
Spaulding, Gary 1, 12, 16, 18, 24, 25, 60, 78, 84, 85, 86, 91	

T

The American Flatbread truck.....	28
the South Berwick Central School.....	18, 114
Togus Aid.....	25
two WWII Veterans.....	14, 16

U

Upton, Jerrie.....	23, 32, 59
USS Miami Crew Members.....	39

V

Vaillancourt, Gerard.....	16, 30, 60
Vaillancourt, Girard.....	4, 25, 47, 91, 92, 94, 99, 100

W

Wenners, William.....	1, 3, 12, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 27, 30, 31, 49, 60, 72, 84, 114, 115
Williams, David.....	23
Wood, Richard.....	32, 59, 104
Woodworth, Noah.....	36, 53

Y

Young, Owen.....	38
------------------	----

Z

Zagrosky, Joseph ...	1, 12, 13, 16, 19, 23, 24, 31, 32, 58, 59, 78, 103
----------------------	--