

Commanders Comments

June 6th 2021

I would like to thank all the crew that helped make this past Memorial Day Weekend a success. We were able to get all the cemeteries in the city flagged without getting wet.

On Saturday, May 29th we had almost 40 volunteers... Thank You!

On Monday morning the 31st of May, Memorial Day, a group of us mustered up, to place wreaths, at 0900 and proceeded to Browns Hill Cemetery to honor the Vets at that location. From there we went to Highland Ave., Bayview, Mount Pleasant, Soldiers and Sailors Monument and finally the Jewish cemetery on Smith Street. After a short coffee and donut break we went down to Bug Light Park and threw a floating wreath into the bay to remember those lost at sea.

Additionally, this year, we were asked to do a Memorial Ceremony at Calvary Cemetery for the first time at 1:30 at the Military Monument. There are 7,000+ Vets in Calvary Cemetery alone.

I was able to find a bugler for this event. A Retired Army E7 in full dress uniform found me putting a plaque on Stan Frank's site and offered to play taps for him. His name is Ron Rossetti. I have his contact information should anyone need his services.

On another issue, Mike Pock has been working with one of our members that is in need of a Wheelchair Ramp at his home here in South Portland. He got an estimate from a Ramp Company for around \$9,000.00. The Department of Maine can come up with \$2,000.00 thru the (VEFAP), Veterans Emergency Financial Assistance Program. However that leaves us \$7,000.00 short. Mike estimated that the material could be purchased for less than the \$2,000.00, even with the price of material what it is today. We are looking for 6 to 8 guys or gals to lend a hand with the labor. Any financial help would mean we wouldn't have to spent Department money that could go to help another Vet. Not everyone is handy and able but can make a donation. Any help will be appreciated. Mike is looking to start and complete the project before the 4th of July. If interested to help or donate please contact Mike at (207)671-9867.

A couple date for your upcoming calendar:

9 June – Red Cross Blood Drive @ Post 35

16 June – Commander Coffee @ 0900 – 1100 at the Post. Bring a Vet or a Buddy. Open forum.

18 June, our regular Monthly Meeting, I am asking all New and Returning Officers to come dressed for the occasion. Blue Blazer, Grey Pants, White Shirt , Tie and shined shoes. Photos will be taken. Meeting starts @ 1900 hours.

We will be taking a 2 month sabbatical, July and August, summertime break. We will continue for the 2021-2022 season in September with our 2nd Annual Lobster Lunch on Labor Day weekend September 4th.

Hope to see you all at our June Meeting for the swearing in of our New Officers. Come down and show your support, Friday 18 June @ 1900 hours.

Guy Linscott - Commander