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WWII Veterans Visit Washington

Friday, October 16 started very early for some 30 souls associated with Haverhill Memorial Post 5245 Veterans of Foreign Wars. It was the start of a whirlwind two day trip to Washington, DC with the main purpose of bringing several WWII members and spouses or widows to the newly erected WWII monument. The entire group numbered 30, and just about half were from what has been called "The Greatest Generation". There were survivors of Iwo Jima, there were men who fought for their country, fought for the lives of their fellow soldiers, and who fought for their own lives. There were also wives and widows of those soldiers. One of the most unique things about this group was that it also included men who served during other conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. They put their lives on the line too. But they have not always received the same credit or respect shown some others. In fact there were times that some of these soldiers were anything but honored.

On this trip, however, there seemed to be a different attitude. On one particular occasion there were a number of this group at the Info Center at Arlington National Cemetery. As they waited for the remainder of the group to rejoin them they



Another part of the group of 30 who went to Washington were the men pictured above. Of this group the first six listed are all veterans of World War II who made this trip to see the newly completed World War II memorial as well as other portions of the capital. In the front row, in a wheel chair is Irv Coon. Standing behind him are left to right: Don Stevens, Bill Simpson, Earl Aremburg, Alden Minot, Steve Seminerio, (the World War II veterans). Then comes John Cobb, Mike Conrad (who acted as Irv's wheel man for most of the trip) John Page, Hary Haskins, Wayne Mitchell and Wayne Fortier.

Trendy Times would like to also say a big thank you to those who offered their photos for publication and their time answering questions to make this part of your story possible. Many thanks for now as well as for your deeds and actions of the past.

were amazed to have other visitors stop and ask to take their picture, to pose with them in a picture, or to just simply thank them for their service. This was aimed not only at the WWII veterans,

but all of the veterans in the group. This show of respect and gratitude went on for the entire time that this group waited, as one participant said "The Real America is alive and well".

Another great example of this was at almost the very beginning of the trip. After boarding a bus in North Haverhill the group traveled to Manchester airport for a flight on Southwest Airlines to Baltimore. When the flight was ready to be boarded, an employee of Southwest used the PA system to announce the presence of this group. Not only were they given the privilege of boarding first, they also did so to a huge round of applause. This was

followed by a stewardess on the flight making a similar announcement and getting a similar response. The story would be great if it ended there, but it continued with a pilot's announcement after they landed in Baltimore, and the entire process was repeated on their return flight on Saturday. Not only did it puff up some chests, but it also blurred some eyes.

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Trendy Times would like to thank Donna and Susan from Shear Animal Styling Salon in Woodsville for sharing their October newsletter. It is the policy of Trendy Times to use these types of articles when possible. We encourage other professionals to submit articles of similar nature (that is to say, not promoting themselves, but giving good general knowledge) for publication in future editions of Trendy Times.

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Furniture - mahogany one door china cabinet, sleeper sofa (full size), Pompanusic Mills twin size bed w/mattress, two press back chairs, glass front entertainment center, three bentwood rockers, maple round dining table w/four maple chairs, maple drop leaf table w/four matching maple chairs, twin sized maple bed w/mattress & box spring, office chairs, love seat, rocking chairs

Tools - 1/2 horse table saw, Montgomery Ward air compressor, tailgate hoist, Craftsman router, several skill saws, shop-vac, tool boxes (wooden), Massey-Ferguson snow blower attachment, upright belt sander on stand, radial arm saw, boxes of misc socket sets, nuts & bolts.

Misc. - window unit air conditioners, 50 gal fish tank w/all the attachments, two small fish tanks, Kenmore microwave, color tv, stainless steel milk dispenser, three very nice evening gowns various sizes, cd radios, wedding dress size 14?

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Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Woodsville/Wells River 4th of July Meeting
7:00 PM
Woodsville Emergency Services Building
Public Welcome

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

1st Writers' Performance
1:00 PM
Horse Meadow Senior Center
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

NH Railroad Promotion Marketing Day
8:00 AM
Laconia RR Station

Halloween Dance
8:00 PM - Midnight
Ross-Wood Post #20 American Legion, Woodsville
More details on page 4.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

US Air Force Big Band Concert
7:00 PM
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Field Crop Meeting
9:30 AM - 2:15 PM
Bath Congregational Church
Pre-registration required.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Midnight Madness
Bradford, Vermont

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Rummage Sale
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Haverhill Congregational Church

13th Annual North Country YMCA Clothing Drive
9:00 AM- 3:00 PM
Woodsville Elementary School Parking Lot
Items should be in plastic bags, no cardboard boxes accepted. Requested \$1 donation per bag to benefit YMCA After School Program

Roast Pork Church Supper
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Bath Congregational Church
See Page 4 for details.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Haverhill Selectboard Meeting
6:00 PM
Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill
6:10 PM
Second Public Hearing to take input from the public on the proposed acquisition by the Town of the Woodsville Armory from the State of New Hampshire.

WHENEVER DATE

Place your event for your town, school or organization at no charge. To be included in the Calendar of Events, your event must have no admission charge, unless you are paying for an advertisement with Trendy Times.

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Sons of the American Legion Cohase Lions Clubs 17th Annual Super Raffle Recent Events



The local chapter of the Sons of the American Legion attached to Ross-Wood Post #20 American Legion in Woodsville recently held their 17th annual Super Raffle. This raffle is the means for the SAL to raise a majority of their funding each year which is later used toward scholarships. These scholarships are given to deserving graduates from Woodsville High School, Blue Mt. Union School and Lisbon Regional High School.

The super raffle features 100 tickets with 14 prize winners. This year's winners were as follows:

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| \$2000 Tom & Jeannie Adams | \$150 John Boudreault & John Mitchell IV |
| \$700 Richard & Lori Thompson | \$150 Ryland & Lillian Guay |
| \$400 Mike & Tom Adams | \$125 Bruce & Ellie Leach |
| \$350 David & Leslie Lackie | \$125 Wayne Minnick |
| \$275 Randy & Rita Ames | \$125 Joe Safranek |
| \$200 Boudreault Septic | \$125 Ryan & Maria Cassidy |
| \$175 Kathleen Renna & Marion Rutherford | \$125 Tim Snelling |

SAL Commander Phil Davidson and staff wish to thank all those who purchased tickets for this annual event.



The Cohase Lions Club recently completed their summer outdoor meeting schedule with a steak and lobster feed held at the Mountain Lakes Ski Lodge. Beginning in November the meetings will return to indoors at the Happy Hour Restaurant. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month. Socializing begins at 6 PM with meal and speaker to begin at 7 PM. All club members are very much encouraged to attend and guests of club members are also welcomed.

The club is completing the annual Lions Calendar project. This will mark the 63rd annual calendar with funds generated used to support the many needs within the community that the Cohase Lions Club has contributed to over the years.

At the most recent business meeting it was voted to donate \$250 to Boy Scout Troop #152 of Woodsville. This troop is just getting started again and the funds are to purchase some start-up equipment and supplies.

Another donation of \$200 was made to the NH Brain Injury Association for their Walk By The Sea Against Brain Injury. This amount represents an annual contribution made by the club.

On October 30th the club hosted a Zone 4-B meeting with clubs from Lisbon and Bristol in attendance. Cal Perkins, Immediate Past President, of the Cohase Club organized this meeting as he is the Zone Chairman for the current year. A dinner and meeting to share ideas and goals from the three represented clubs were enjoyed at the Happy Hour Restaurant.

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Letter To The Editor

Your reply to 'JUST ASKING' was a bit short of 'can do nothing' or maybe 'do not want to do anything'! Low income housing is not free, and could be made profitable if run right. I know of one family that pays a high rent for their income, yet could do some work around the property to maintain the building, maybe even get a little more heat to bring the temperature inside to at least 68 degrees. They are always on the edge of "FOOD or HEALTH CARE or RENT -- BUT NOT ALL THREE". Yes the town would lose tax dollars from the CURRENT OWNER--WHO I UNDERSTAND IS NOT A RESIDENT OF EVEN THIS STATE, but if that property was part of a 'TOWN SPONSORED' organization it could be made into a profitable project. If not profit, at least earn enough to pay the tax (or funds in place of tax) maintain itself and provide shelter and homes for people. As for

the old River View Store, a Food Co-Op could do well there. I see that the elderly in this area are not getting any cost of living increase this year as the "Feds" say that prices (cost of living) has gone down. WHERE ARE THEY FROM?

The Town of Haverhill, as well as all other towns, spend a lot of tax \$\$ on a Welfare Budget. How about a study (they could form a committee - got lots of them) of the problem and be part of a solution to a situation that can only get worse. Lets not look for profit, but a break, even solution. This could be a committee run low income project. Interested non paid committee people can do wonders. Hey, look at the Woodsville Area Fourth of July Corp. Committee, they seem to serve the town very well.

JUST ASKING

From the Editor:

Three issues in that letter. Let me try to address each one.

First, the home for the homeless. I would love to be able to see a place made available for those who have no other place to live. No one should be forced to live in a box or under a bridge. In this area the problem is not what it is in many areas. Being a rural community actually helps in that matter. With fewer services available within easy reach, there are fewer people willing to go the distance needed to reach the services they are seeking and need. That is not to say there are none in need in this area. But is it a program that any small town can or should tackle? There is, in fact, a group in the North Country by the acronym of AHEAD that takes buildings and rehabilitates them into low income housing. They have several of these type buildings in this area and are doing their best to take care of those homeless souls as well as many of the low income families that need that extra bit of help.

Second item was the call for a Food Co-op in the old River View Market in Woodsville. I have to agree again that you offer a great idea. However, is it the role of local small town governments to tell privately individuals who own property what they should be doing with it? If so, then they also need to get a new mechanic in the building next door. Plus there are a couple of other empty store fronts and apartments around that need to be filled. This could take many, many hours of someone's time. It seems that should be the time of the land owner or maybe even a realtor.

Your third item was a quick word of praise for the Woodsville/Well River Fourth of July Committee. Well, as a member of that group, thank you! It is a long process to get it done each year, but the result is well worth the time and effort.

Letter To The Editor

Your recent feature – A Dream Deferred – was interesting and very nicely written and if it is some indication of the quality you intend to pursue in your newspaper, then the level of regional publishing has taken a delightful turn upward.

Your editor's note warning readers of the - adult nature - of Rachel Hodges piece was appropriate - but by no means does that mean that the story should be kept from youngsters of a certain age.

Young ones should be allowed to read, or have read to them, this honest reflection of the pain and joy of the creation and continuation of life. Young ones learn by age-appropriate lessons taught with honesty and straightforwardness. If we can't tell the kids the truth about that basic God-given joy of life, then where do we start telling the truth?

Keep it up.

Robert Roudebush

From the Editor:

Thank you so much for the kind words of encouragement.

Also thank you for taking the time to respond. It is an exercise that all should do on at least an occasional basis.

Letter To The Editor

No Privacy in the New World of Technology

Maybe you only use the internet for email or looking up directions. Maybe you don't even own a computer. Maybe you think your business is your business and you would never find anything about yourself or your family on the internet so you never thought to look. Well, maybe you should try googling your name and see if you are on the World Wide Web.

With today's technology and internet, email, Google, Twitter and all the other millions of places and things out there the Internet has become a legal lethal weapon and the World Wide Web has become the wild wild web. Many people have discovered that their privacy has become invaded and lives turned upside down when someone who has a grudge or ax to grind has invaded into your most private issues and decided to create a factual blog or webpage about YOU! Only the blog or webpage isn't the real you and it is full of defamation of character "facts" and used to harass, intimidate and bully you in many cases by someone called "Anonymous". Your 'public records' such as divorce papers, marriage papers, birth announcements, death certificates are all posted on the world wide web all protected by freedom of speech according to Google. They supply the place for defamation of character, Cyberstalking, Cyberbullying and Invasion of Privacy takes place but they refuse to take any such thing off the web without a court order. So why not just get a court order? Basically because the laws are pretty lax concerning the World Wide Web. Most judges are not even schooled about the newest crime scene and there aren't any hard fast internet regulations to begin with. Then add in lawyers have to be specialist in cyber issues to address these issues successfully.

Now another problem is you have a marriage certificate, divorce file at the local district court. So what? Many people do. BUT someone who wants to get into you private affairs walks in, pays a small fee and now walks out with your files under their arm. The next thing you know all your private business deemed legally "Public Records" is uploaded on a blog spot. It can and does happen to millions of people every day in the United States of America. Who would have ever considered this intrusion before the World Wide Web? Not in New Hampshire or Vermont or small town anywhere! But it is happening everyday in small town Everywhere.

The general public does not know this is possible until it really happens to them. Most people believe it only happens to people on Oprah or Dr Phil. Don't kid yourselves. Get educated to the laws in the state and ask your State Representatives, Congressman and Senators to pass laws with this issue in mind to protect your personal information from being abused under the term "public records" and or Freedom of Speech. Today identity theft is on the rise. Your public records which are records concerning your private lives hold your social security number, birth dates, childrens names and their birthdates and addresses on them. Because they are public records anyone can walk in off the street and walk out again with your life typed out on the papers they now hold under their arm to do with what they want. Contact your State Representative and ask them to write laws to protect you in this session.

From the Editor:

This letter is hard to respond to. It is indeed a brave new world we live in. And it appears from what this writer is saying that the laws have not kept up with the times. That is a scary thought. My thoughts are simply this, be careful with all that you do. Whether it be on line, in life, at work, or at play. Be aware of what you do and what others do. Don't let the world keep you down or keep you from enjoying life, but just be aware.

Best wishes to the writer who requested that no name be listed with this letter.

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Brigadier General Charles Augustus Doyen

A Piece of Marine Corp History

By George Clark

Not all Times are Trendy but there will always be Trendy Times
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Brigadier General Charles Augustus Doyen was born in Concord, New Hampshire on 3 September 1859. His father, carriage maker Edward N. and mother Mary E. Tucker Doyen, were solid citizens. After a substantial education in public schools he was appointed to the Naval Academy and graduated in 1881. Following the usual two year cruise "shake-down" he was one of the 23 of 86 graduates that was awarded a commission. That year, an increased allowance of sixteen new 2nd lieutenants was approved for the Corps. Gus Doyen was one of the ten grads that requested service in and was appointed a 2d lieutenant of the Marine Corps on 1 July 1883. Among the other nine was George Barnett [later Commandant] others were James Mahoney, Franklin Moses, Charles Lauchheimer, Henry C. Haines, and Harry K. White. All became exceptionally fine Marines.

After his anointment his first tour was aboard the steamer Galena, a Civil War ship of the line. During this period his ship was sent to the troublesome area of Panama in January 1885. The first ship to arrive with the first Marines aboard, Doyen led the ship's MD ashore to protect the American consulate at Colon. They remained there until the "situation was well in hand."

This was a large commitment by a very small Corps and would be repeated many times over in the future. Since Doyen went on to participate in many interventions, he would learn many skills in the years ahead. Following this action he went to duty at various Marine Barracks [MB] over the next few years including service at the MB, Portsmouth Navy Yard, in his native New Hampshire.

Following that he was at the MB, New York where, as he wrote, "I was at present perusing the pensive sentinel around the boundaries of the New York Navy Yard. Dull, dull, dull duty." He evidently had picked up some literary accomplishments at Annapolis. On 24 October 1889 he was promoted to 1st lieutenant which brightened his existence a great deal.

From then on his duties were various; Charleston, SC, with no snow, the MB at Annapolis, followed by an all important assignment at the MB, Washington, D.C. During

this period he and Charles Lauchheimer, a member of his graduating class, both had occasion to answer the Navy's Lieutenant William F. Fullam's attacks upon the Marines aboard ships. In response to Fullam's proposal that sailors take all jobs done by Marines, including landing teams, Doyen wrote "Why make a poor Marine out of a good sailor?" He added "Both were specialists and both necessary for the benefit of the ship." Many Navy officers suggested that the Marine Corps be transferred into the army. Very few senior Navy officers were in favor of continuing the status quo. It was not a good time for the Marine Corps.

The graduating class of 1897 provided only two new second lieutenants from the academy. Those two, as with most of the previous classes were assigned to the School of Application. Desiring to educate as many Marine officers as possible, the Colonel Commandant, Charles Heywood, selected Charles Doyen to join Philip M. Bannon [a superb Marine] and Newt H. Hall [a less than superb Marine]. He was apparently quite bright and handled the schooling with his customary ease. His final average was a superb 98.0%, which greatly pleased Heywood.

The now Captain Charles A. Doyen, as of 2 June 1898, was, on 20 November 1898, transferred to the USS Indiana aboard which, Capt Littleton W. T. Waller [outstanding example of a fighting Marine] commanded the Marine Detachment [MD]. The ship and its crew were right smack in the middle of Schley's and Sampson's actions off Santiago de Cuba. As usual, the Marines were handling the lessor guns. The ship and its crew, including Marines, were at the forefront of the naval battles off Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

After the war Doyen was back at various naval stations, then promoted to major, in less than twenty years, on 31 January 1900. That was fast moving in those times. Following service at MB, Washington once again, then with the North Atlantic fleet as Fleet Marine Officer, where he would remain until mid-January 1903.

On the 19th of October 1901 he reported to the MB,

Annapolis. There he would remain until posted to duty in the Philippines. On 12 April 1904 he arrived at Olongapo on Luzon, to assume command of the 2d Regiment of Marines. This was another large commitment by an already over-worked Marine Corps.

One year later on 11 March 1905 he was once again promoted, to lieutenant colonel, and transferred to Cavite and a few weeks later, on 5 April, assumed the command of the 1st Marine Brigade. For a short period of time he and his wife Claude had Capt Smedley and Mrs "Bunny" Butler as house guests, "who are fine as silk to us" said Butler in a letter to his mother. Doyen was back at Headquarters Marine Corps [HQMC] in Washington by 15 October 1906 and the following May commanded the MB, Annapolis. On 16 January 1909 he was promoted to full colonel and then on 25 April 1910 he assumed command of the MB, Puget Sound, Washington State, remaining there until 20 July 1914 when he once again reported to HQMC. On 18 January 1915 Doyen was transferred to command the MB, Washington, D.C., remaining in that post until he was selected to head up the newly reactivated 5th Regiment of Marines. He was higher in grade than many of his contemporaries and, we must remember, a classmate of the commandant, George Barnett. Many other active officers, including John Lejeune, and Smedley D. Butler were anxious to go over to France but those two would have to wait their turn.

The regiment assembled and ventured overseas via navy transports. Initially, the regiment was scattered about and turned to laboring jobs including unloading ships. Finally released from that hated task they were now to be trained by the French officers and noncoms assigned for that task. Doyen was a task-master nonpareil. Training and more training was his idea of getting his regiment in shape for the task ahead. He was right, of course, because the regiment proved its value in forthcoming fights against a hard-nosed tough foe. The toughest the Marines would face for some years to come, and only the Japanese would come close.



Doyen was regimental commander, but temporarily also assumed command of the nucleus of the 2d Division then forming; until relieved when Maj Gen Bundy, USA, arrived in France. That made Doyen the first Marine to ever command a division. He was promoted to brigadier general in October 1917, backdated to 26 March 1917. This was in preparation of his assuming command of the 4th Marine Brigade, as the 6th Marine Regiment and elements of the 1st, later 6th, Machine Gun Battalion appeared in France. He was still in command of the 5th Marines when he was also handed the brigade. His replacement was Lt Col Hiram I. Bearss, who would continue to command the 5th Marines until Col Wendell C. Neville arrived on 1 January 1918.

Brigadier General Charles A. Doyen, an American of possibly French-Canadian ancestry, was quite popular with the French army as would be John Lejeune, both for the same reasons; French by name if not language or culture. At the Verdun front, the 4th Brigade performed at an unusually

high level, well noted by the French observers and more importantly, by the viewers from Headquarters, American Expeditionary Force. The brigade, in its entirety, not just the 5th Marines, was now considered ready for the "real thing." Doyen, however, was not to be a part of his creation in its finest hours. General John H. Pershing had made a firm decision that all senior officers under his command had to meet strict physical standards. His Army doctors made the claim that Doyen did not meet those physical standards. Consequently he was relieved and returned home in early May 1918. His replacement was newly promoted Brig Gen James G. Harbord, USA, Pershing's friend and then chief of staff. Doyen took it well, at least on the surface, and left without apparent rancor. However, his staff officers didn't take it kindly and rebelled against an "outsider" coming in to command Marines. Their cabal, in whatever manner, was hastily put

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**Brigadier General
Charles Augustus Doyen**

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down without it going seriously to court martial, for the lucky Marine "rebels."

Soon after returning to the United States, Doyen was stricken with the Spanish flu then devastating the United States. He died, like so many others, while in command of the MB, Quantico, in October 1918. Colonel Doyen was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His wife, Claude Fay Doyen, followed him there on 22 December 1943.

Charles A. Doyen was definitely one of the finest field men the Marines developed during the late 19th and early years of the 20th Century. His service was almost entirely in the field or aboard warships. Bringing the 5th Marines and then the 4th Marine Brigade to a fine edge which later proved that his training was severe but necessary, was the culmination to his superb career. Pershing advised Harbord that he was giving him "the finest organization in the AEF, and if it fails I'll know who to blame." As we know, it didn't, and much credit must be given to its creator, Charles Augustus Doyen from Concord, New Hampshire.

His decorations were mainly campaign medals but he did receive the Distinguished Service Medal, posthumously, for his contributions toward making the 4th Brigade a superior organization and allowing it to achieve victory in every battle it was engaged in.

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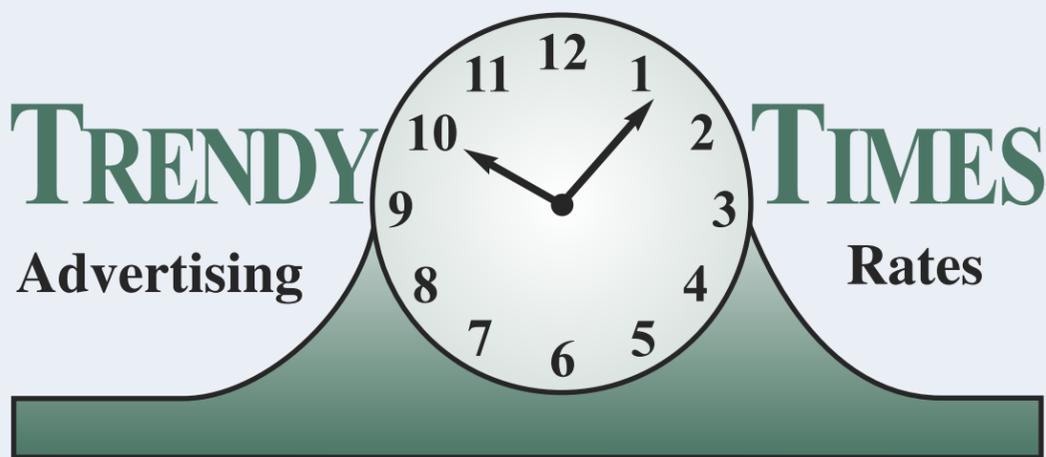
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*because I could not think of anything original to name it

Thank you to Sheila for the contribution above. Trendy Times is happy to publish submissions like this from the general public. You do not need a degree in English (or even American) to participate. Please be aware that not all submissions will be published. That is still up to the discretion of the Editor and staff.

Local ATV and Snowmobile Clubs Deem CHILI COOK OFF Fundraiser a Success

The 1st Annual Absolute Club Chili Cook Off was held at Absolute PowerSports in Wells River on Oct. 17, 2009. Participating Clubs received 100% of the proceeds from the COOK OFF, sales of their own tasty treats, and the funds raised from the Silent Auction run on their behalf.

The seven participating clubs were Ammonoosuc Valley ATV Club, Barre Town Thunder Chickens Snowmobile Club, The Barnet Trail Blazers ATV Club, The Buckaroos of 302 Snowmobile Club, Lake Tarleton Snowmobile Club, The Lisbon Stump Jumpers and The Newbury Border Riders Snowmobile Clubs.

Winners of the Chili Cook Off each received a Golden Ladle Award. These winners were The Newbury Border Riders for the Best Meatless Chili; Lisbon Stump Jumpers for the Hottest Chili; Barnet Trail Blazers for the Most Unique Chili and Barre Town Thunder Chickens for the Judge's Choice Award for Kevin Collins Sweet with a Kick chili.

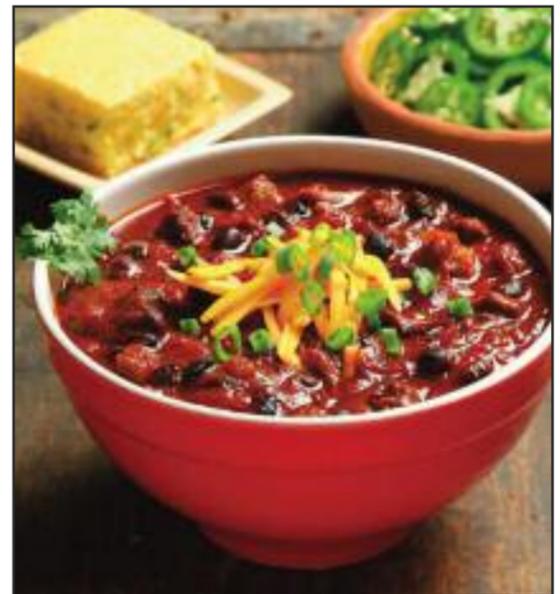
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The fundraisers were part of a day long event filled activities including face painting by Anne Settergren, Music and commentary by Mike Luca of Tony Tunes DJ, a Vintage Snowmobile Swap Meet put on by the Lisbon Stump Jumpers, CAN AM ATV Demo rides,

and a SKI DOO Open House and Million Dollar Club Support 2009 program. This Club Support program will run until Nov 15, 2009. No matter what brand you ride, if you belong to a Snowmobile Club, you will want to come into Absolute PowerSports in Wells River and fill out a certificate. SKI DOO will donate up to \$1500 per club, depending on the number of certificates received. No purchase is necessary!

Thanks go out to the businesses that helped support the fundraiser with donations of supplies for the Cook Off. Thank you to P and H TruckStop, Green Mountain Coffee, Barnet Village Stores, Cabot Creamery and Tony Tunes DJ.

The participating clubs are eager to come back next year to vie for the Golden Ladle awards and to enjoy a 2nd annual Cook Off. If any other clubs that were not able to attend wish to do so next year, please contact us at Absolute PowerSports in Wells River, 802-429-2500 for details.



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A WEEKLY PUBLICATION

Fall is a Good Time to Think about Erosion Control

By Heather Bryant
UNHCE Agricultural Extension Educator

I lived in Madagascar for several years and my first glimpse of the island is burned into my mind. I looked out the airplane window and saw a giant red ring around the island. You can see it from outer space too, and in fact one astronaut said it looked like Madagascar was bleeding. The ring is not blood of course; it's actually red soil that has eroded into the ocean because of a steep landscape coupled with deforestation and agricultural practices that cannot adequately hold the soil. In some parts of Madagascar if you clear a piece of land today, you can expect to grow crops for 2-3 years before the soil is completely worn out. In that way the ring is a little like blood; the soil that erodes into the ocean takes with it the nutrients and organic matter that the crops need.

New Hampshire, like many places, is luckier than Madagascar in this regard; erosion is a concern here, but it works more slowly and we have developed options for minimizing it. In fact if you live near a farm you might have seen erosion control measures and not even noticed them. Once you understand them you can use scaled down versions of these measures in your own gardens and yards saving you the time and money it will take to repair problems down the road.

Many farmers have been out plowing and planting in the last couple of weeks. They are planting winter cover crops. Cover crops do just that, they cover the soil, protecting it from hard rains and slowing the process of erosion. Their roots trap sediments and nutrients that might otherwise run from the field into nearby streams and lakes. Often the crop is a winter annual like winter rye. Winter annuals are planted in the late summer or early fall, grow quickly for a short period of time and then die over the winter, leaving behind a crop residue that the farmer can chop up and incorporate into the soil in the spring. This residue can then provide organic matter and nutrients for the regular crop decreasing fertilizer costs next spring.

Cover crops are also commonly used to control erosion and improve the nutrient status of the soil during times the farmer intends to leave the field fallow or out of production. Mulches are used in much the same way around crops that are getting established or where the farmer wants to control weeds with less tillage or without tillage entirely. You may have noticed that not all fields are plowed in straight lines. The farmer is plowing along the contour lines rather than up and down hills to minimize the amount of erosion that will occur after tillage.

Logically, the water's edge is a place with greater risk of erosion. Farmers leave or install riparian buffers of grasses or shrubs between a field and a body of water to minimize erosion and trap any field runoff before it gets to the water.

So how does this apply to your gardens and yards? If the garden is large, consider a winter cover crop, just remember to mow over it to chop up the long pieces of grass before you try to rototill next spring. Use mulches around your plants. Winter is a good time to think about garden and yard planning for next year. Plan your beds so that you are not rototilling up hills. Look for ways to minimize soil disturbance near areas that are steep or appear to have been eroded in the past. Steep sections near your driveway, for example, are a good possible location for shrubs. Your local garden center can recommend plants that have strong root systems that will hold soil. And always make sure you are aware of applicable laws and good practice recommendations before you do any landscaping on waterfront property.

If you have ever tried to buy topsoil you know how expensive it can be. Good planning in regard to erosion and soil management can be much cheaper and give you a better result.

For more information feel free to call me at the UNH Cooperative Extension office in North Haverhill 603-787-6944.

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Say Goodbye To Summer

Enjoy the transformation as you ease into Fall by taking care of the little things.....

At summer's end, your hair may feel dry and out of control; faded from all that summer fun in the sun. Renew by conditioning for protein, moisture or both to create the perfect balance for your best look for the season ahead.

Speaking of the season ahead so autumnly rich in color, now is a good time to brighten up your hair with

auburns, coppers and golds with low-lites or semi-permanent colors.

Have you been thinking of a new cut and style? It is actually perfect timing as our sweaters and jackets and slacks come out. Curls are big this Fall once again. They are short, long and in between. It will be interesting to see if this trend actually becomes popular or if one will choose to have a simply wonderful cut - one that is easy to manage and fashion simple.

Colors have changed for

toes and fingernails. This Fall's palette has a passion for drama according to OPI's new season's colors. Warm reds, dark wines, cobalt and emeralds. Don't forget those toes...it might not be sandal weather anymore but a pedicure is tops for your feet and it still feels pretty.

After any summer, your body could use a facial with a spa body polish to make your skin feel like silk from your shoulders to your toes. You'll love it! Don't take my word for it, try it.

Trendy Times would like to thank Donna and Susan from Shear Animal Styling Salon in Woodsville for sharing their October newsletter. It is the policy of Trendy Times to use these types of articles when possible. We encourage other professionals to submit articles of similar nature (that is to say, not promoting themselves, but giving good general knowledge) for publication in future editions of Trendy Times.

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THE WORLD'S NEWS LEADER

Secretary Announces Expansion of Veterans Appeals Board

Four New Judges Will Speed Veterans' Appeals

WASHINGTON (Oct. 21, 2009) – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced the addition of four new Veterans Law Judges to the Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA), which will enable the board to increase the number of cases being decided.

"Veterans have earned the right to prompt, exhaustive and professional review of their claims for benefits," Secretary Shinseki said. "This expansion of BVA will enable Veterans to receive more expeditious decisions on their appeals."

BVA is an appeals body to which Veterans, their dependents or their survivors can go when they are not satisfied with decisions about claims for

benefits administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). BVA reviews decisions on benefit claims made by local VA offices and issues decisions on appeals. The board currently has 60 Veterans Law Judges.

These law judges are attorneys experienced in Veterans law and in reviewing benefit claims. They are the only ones who can issue BVA decisions. Staff attorneys, also trained in Veterans law, review the facts of each appeal and assist the board members.

In fiscal year 2008, the board decided 43,757 appeals and handled 48,804 cases in fiscal year 2009. Most of the cases involve claims for disability compensation and pensions.

"We must foster a responsive approach when we consider Veterans," Shinseki said. "Reducing the backlog of benefits decisions and waiting times are essential to providing our Veterans and their families with the service they deserve."

VA provides a pamphlet entitled, How Do I Appeal, to anyone who is not satisfied with the results of a benefits claim that was decided by a VA regional office, medical center or another local VA office. The pamphlet explains the steps involved in filing an appeal. For more information about BVA or to download a copy of the pamphlet, visit www.va.gov/vbs/bva.

Get Your DD-214 Here

New Website Makes It Easier

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online at: www.vetrecs.archives.gov

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mail-room and processing time.

As was pointed out to me: You can not get online access to a DD-214 at this site. All this site does is allow

you to order a DD-214. Still I feel it is better than what we had before.

How to Initiate a Request for Military Personnel Records: Click on the "Request Military Records" button to start. This will launch a separate window. Enter the required information in the system to create your customized request form. There are 4 steps that you need to navigate. The system will guide you through the steps and tell you exactly which step you are on.

Print, sign and date the signature verification area of your customized form. If you don't have a printer, have a pen and paper handy and we will guide you through the process. This is important because the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires that all requests for records and

information be submitted in writing. Each request must be signed and dated by the veteran or next of kin.

Mail or fax your signature verification form, and we will process your request. You must do this within the first 20 days of entering your request, or your request will be removed from our system.

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Local Band Goes to the Big Apple

Next Stop: America's Got Talent Audition

(From Disorderly Conduct's Myspace page.)

Disorderly Conduct was formed in 2009 by Greg Cruz (Cruz Kid) and by Bill Herbert. Greg has been playing for many years, and for a few bands such as: Black Widow, Northern Trend

Kill, Blue Monday, Intoxia and NH Rock Bottom. Bill Herbert has been a drummer most of his life starting in middle school right up through high school. He has also been in a few bands

such as Scattered, Black Widow, Northern Trend Kill and now Disorderly Conduct. Scott Haymond has been playing guitar for many years, He is from Oklahoma and was with a band once.

(Following are portions of a journal by Brian Lebron as he learns about the band he is joining.)

My name is Brian Lebron. I'm 37 years old. Born and raised in Amsterdam, NY. I'm a singer/songwriter and a rhythm guitar player. I've been playing guitar since I was 17 years old. And writing since I was 12 years old. In March 2009 I moved from Arizona back to Vermont. Shortly after my return, I was on my way to Groton, VT one afternoon. I drove past this guy who was stranded along the side of the road. My wife prompted me to turn back and see if he needed any help, and so I did. Little did I know that five months later, he would be the one who left a message on my machine asking me to audition for Disorderly Conduct, a band out of Wells River, VT. So I returned Billy's call and set up the audition for the following day. I passed the audition and we've been jamming since.

October 11, 2009

I recently joined this band, they call

themselves "Disorderly Conduct", the members are Greg Crews (lead guitarist), Billy Herbert (drums), Aaron Gilleland (bass guitar) and myself Brian Lebron (playing rhythm guitar). My first show with them was in Groton, VT at the Fall Foliage Festival on October 3, 2009. It was an outdoor show, it was raining on and off all afternoon and although I've played better shows in the past, it went all right. Our second show was two nights ago, October 9, 2009, it was a benefit for a family of four who's home burned to the ground up in West Topsham, VT We were able to raise \$472.00 dollars for the family. The energy on the stage that night jamming with the guys was infectious. We played our hearts out and loved very moment of it. The crowd wanted more and we gave them everything we could muster. As a musician I was really impressed with the way things turned out at the Community Hall in West Topsham, VT Friday night.



Left to right:

Aaron Gilleland, Billy Herbert, Greg Cruze and Brian Lebron

From the Editor:

Readers may wonder why we are doing this article about Disorderly Conduct. The reason is pretty simple. They have gotten an invitation to audition for "America's Got Talent". Now they are a long way from getting on the show and even further from winning all that prize money and fame. But, at the end of every season there is a winner. And that winner started out just like our boys from the neighborhood. So Trendy Times is happy to pass along their story, and wish them well on their quest for fame and fortune. Even if they are not able to go as far as they would like it will be an experience that they will take with them for many, many years. Trendy Times has also gotten a promise from Disorderly Conduct to give us an update on how the trip goes, how the audition goes and what is next for this group of musicians. Good Luck!!!

WWII Veterans Visit Washington

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For any who have been to Washington, DC sightseeing it is no surprise to say that you can't see it all. And that is certainly the feeling of many from this group. The main objective was realized, however, as they were able to visit and take pictures at the World War II memorial. This group was also able to accomplish some things that few other sightseers can accomplish.

There are two particular stories that need to be briefly told. The first is that because of a request by the tour organizer and the Commander of Haverhill Memorial Post 5245, Wayne Fortier, the group was able to receive a short briefing by Colonel John Rupp of the US Marine Corps. Col. Rupp



Pictured above are six of the 30 members of the group that went to Washington DC. All six of these ladies are members of the Haverhill Memorial VFW Post 5245 Auxiliary. Seated in front are (left to right) Barbara Stevens and Betty Conrad. The back row consists of Bertha Farnham, Michele Patton, Maureen Foote and Bertha Aremburg. There were other Auxiliary Members who also made the trip.

has done three tours of duty as a fighter pilot in the Middle East, two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. He gave the

group some detail on the development of the next fighter jet to be used by all branches of the US military. He also offered his perspective in regards to the two conflicts he has participated in. The briefing was close to 45 minutes and was certainly not your normal Washington DC event.

The other brief story takes us back to Arlington. One of the couples that was able to make this trip were Bill & Ellen Simpson of Piermont. Bill is one of two VFW members on this trip who received a Purple Heart for his efforts on Iwo Jima. The

other was Irv Coon, who received two Purple Hearts. But this story actually is more about Bill's wife Ellen. And to be more precise Ellen's brother who also served his country proudly. When the group arrived at Arlington Cemetery they asked permission to visit Ellen's brother's grave. They were told that a group of 30 could not possibly be allowed into that section of Arlington. Even a smaller group did not seem to have a chance to get there. But with the persistence of the man who seemed to be able to do it all, Wayne Fortier, the right person was asked and a trip to the grave site was arranged for Ellen, Bill, Wayne and the Post Chaplin, also a WWII veteran, Steve Semanario.

There was so much more to this trip than the few snippets given here. If you know any of the people who were fortunate enough to make this trip, take the time to talk to them. It appears they will all be happy to relive the moments they had.

Final note: This trip was organized by Haverhill Memorial Post #5245. The post voted to pay for the trip for any of their members who were World War II veterans. There were six who made the trip. Earl Aremburg, Irv Coon,

Elden Minot, Steve Semanario, Bill Simpson and Don Stevens. The post also footed the bill for any wife or widow of a World War II veteran. The balance of the group was made up of other VFW members, Auxiliary members, spouses and even a daughter who was the videographer for the tour. This portion of the group paid their own way. Monies came from the coffers of the VFW and other local contributors.



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