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Rural Cemetery Update

On Friday, July 22, 2016, a severe storm hit Southborough. According to the Southborough Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) the town was hit at least two or more microbursts during the storm. A microburst is a small column of exceptionally intense and localized sinking air that results in a violent outrush of air at the ground. It is capable of producing damaging straight-line winds of more than 100 mph that are similar to that in some tornadoes, but without the tornado's rotation.

The Southborough Rural Cemetery and the area around the Route 85 causeway took the brunt of the gusts. As a result number of headstones were damaged, and flags were snapped in the Veteran Grave Markers.

Members Paul Leduc, Steve Whynot, and John Wilson completed a recon of the Rural Cemetery to replace and/or fix Flags on the graves of our fellow veterans. They estimate that about 100 flags were replaced.

If anyone notices a flag that wasn't replaced, please notify Steve or John.

Thank you gentlemen!.

"We are….an organization comprised of Patriots who returned home from their wars and conflicts as better, more compassionate and confident human beings."

Brian Duffy
VFW National Commander

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Did you get your "Welcome Home" Bonus?

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Veterans' Bonus is a division of the Community and Veterans' Services Department in Treasurer Goldberg's Administration. They provide bonus payments for veterans, service members and their families for qualified service in the United States military.

The Treasury administers the World War II Bonus, Korean Bonus, Vietnam Bonus and the Welcome Home Bonus. All bonus payments are subject to applicants meeting eligibility requirements. The Welcome Home Bonus is for veterans who are engaged in or have completed qualified active service since September 11, 2001.

The Commonwealth's Bonus website is:
http://www.mass.gov/treasury/veterans

Veterans or service officers with questions are urged to contact the Southborough's Veterans Services Officer John Wilson by phone: 508-229-2172 or via email at jwilson@southboroughma.com.

Thanks to LTC Dan Kolenda for this information.

Honor Flight New England

This program honors WWII and Korean War Veterans by flying them to Washington DC at NO COST to the Veteran. It is a one day event - where they visit the WWII Memorial. the Korean War Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery among other places. The cost for an escort – usually a family member is $400.00. The experience to visit the Memorials in honor of the Veteran – Priceless.

The next Flight is in September. However that flight, and the one in October, is already full. Flights will begin again next Spring (April/May). Honor Flight Honorees are selected in the order that that the application is received with priority to WWII and Terminally Ill Veterans, followed by our Korean Veterans. If interested, you should apply now.

For more information, visit honorflightnewengland.org.

Veterans Agent on the move

As of Wednesday, June 22, 2016 the Office of the Veterans' Agent relocated from the Senior Center to the Cemetery Administration Building at 11 Cordaville Road. This is the building in the rear of the Southborough Rural Cemetery.

Our Veterans' Agent, John Wilson, is available every Tuesday from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Phone: 508-229-2172

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What would you like to read?

This newsletter is by veterans for veterans.

What else would you like to have us include?

Would you be willing to be profiled in a future issue?

Ideas for post events?

Please send your ideas to
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Thanks!

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