

Town of Eddington · February 22, 1811

EDDINGTON

Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2018 - 2019

BOSTON POST CANE HISTORY

In August, 1909, Edwin A. Grozier, publisher of the *Boston Post* newspaper, forwarded to the Selectmen in 700 small New England towns (no cities included) a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented with the compliments of the *Boston Post* to the oldest male citizen of the town, to be used by him as long as he lives (or moves from the town), and at his death handed down to the next oldest citizen of the town. The cane would belong to the town and not the man who received it.

The canes were made by J.F. Bradley and Co., a New York manufacturer, from ebony shipped in seven-foot lengths from the Congo in Africa. They were cut to cane lengths, seasoned for six months, turned on lathes to the right thickness, coated and polished. They had a 14-karat gold head two inches long, decorated by hand, and a ferruled tip.

EDDINGTON'S BOSTON POST CANE



Eddington's Boston Post Cane was presented to George Fulcher at his 100th birthday celebration at Crossroad's Christian Camp on October 14, 2018.



George was born October 16, 1918. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps on January 5, 1942, serving as a ball turret gunner aboard a B-17 "Flying Fortress", with the 97th bomb group "Anxious Angel" in North Africa and the 91st bomb group in England. He flew 73 missions over Africa and Germany. He was discharged on May 28, 1945 and after three years he re-enlisted in the U.S.A.F. at Homestead A.F. Base. He was transferred to Dow Field Air Force Base in Bangor, Maine where he retired from in 1965. He began his new career as a custodian at U.M.O., Retiring again in 1985. He lives with his daughter's family on the Davis Road in Eddington.

President's Message

By Margaret Dougherty

SPIRIT OF AMERICA The Eddington Historical Society received the "Spirit of America" certificate of appreciation and Recognition from Penobscot County Commissioners on October 9, 2018. We appreciate this Thank-you and recognition for collecting and preserving items of historical importance for the Citizens and community of Eddington.



EHS MEETINGS Our next Eddington Historical Society meeting will be Sunday, January 20, 2019, 1pm at the Eddington Town office meeting room. We will be planning our "Chowder and Chat" for the February meeting. Dues are \$10 annual or \$50 lifetime membership. You are invited to join us!

QUILT RAFFLE The Barns of Eddington embroidered quilt winner: Rita Bull of Eddington! Congratulations Rita!



VETERAN MEMORIAL BRICKS FOR THE EDDINGTON TOWN OFFICE MONUMENT

General Dwight D. Eisenhower said in his D-Day address to soldiers, sailors and airmen: "I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will have victory! Let us ask the Lord God Almighty to bless this great and noble undertaking."

With Gratitude And Respect We Remember The Fallen, Honor Those Who Serve And Teach Our Children The Value Of Freedom.

Msgt. Scott Baillargeon	USAF
Capt. Michael Shepherd	USAF
Cms. Arthur F. Wood	Maine Air National Guard
1st. Sgt. Gary S. Hollis	Maine Air National Guard
Msgt. J. Harold Seymour	USAF
Adr. Eugene Boynton	Navy
Sgt. Thomas Violet – Vietnam	USMC
T/Sgt. I. Ray Seymour – Korean War	USAF
Lt.Cmdr. Kevin W. Wilson – Aviator	Navy
Ca.Parole Agt. Rusty Gagnon	
Chief Wmt.Officer Earl A. Tracy Sr.	Army Natl. Guard
Sgt. Louis W. Dougherty	Air National Guard
Ssg. Coy C. Gainer Jr.	USAF
Sgt. Harold Higgins – WWII	Army
Capt. Keven P. Higgins – Iraqi Freedom	Army
Spec.4 John E. Mogan – KIA, Vietnam	Army
Adr.3 Thomas J. McKinney 52f – Captain, Vietnam	Navy
Melvin S. Jellison – GAR 6th Maine Infantry, Civil War	
Lt. Robert E. Gordon – WWII	Army
Seaman 1st. Class Victor I. Cunningham – WWII	Navy
Msgt. Kenneth H. Warwick II	Air National Guard
Po.3 Spec.4 Dennis S. Stroba	Army
Sp.4(T) Lionel L. Alley – Korean War	Army
Adr.3 Robert L. Dexter – Gunnersmate	Navy
Cmst. Charles C. Porter Jr. – Vietnam	USAF
Pfc. Arthur Drew – WWII	Army
Sgt. Norman E. Drew – WWII – Korean War	USMC
Ssgt. Jack A. Drew	USAF
Tcol. Joseph G. Drew	USAF
Sr.Airman Andrew A. Drew – Iraq	USAF
Ssgt. Charles C. Porter III – Gulf War	USAF
Ssgt. Michael P. Dougherty – Vietnam	USAF
Audie Cookson – Korean War	Army
Harvey V. Burns – Korean War	USMC
Myron E. Grover – WWII	Army

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



The Town of Eddington's Wreaths Across America ceremony was at twelve noon on December 15, 2018. Wreaths were placed at the veteran's monument and at the five cemeteries located in Eddington. The wreaths honor veterans from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, POW/MIA, police and fire personnel.

Our Eddington Brownie Girl Scout Khloe Grass placed wreaths at the Meadowbrook Cemetery after the ceremony at the Eddington Town Office. Thank-you to all the volunteers who helped place wreaths at our cemeteries.



"Through the Wreaths Across America program, we are ensuring that the lives of our men and women in uniform are remembered. It is our responsibility as Americans, to be their witness and to share their stories of service and sacrifice with the next generation."

— Karen Worcester, Executive Director, Wreaths Across America.

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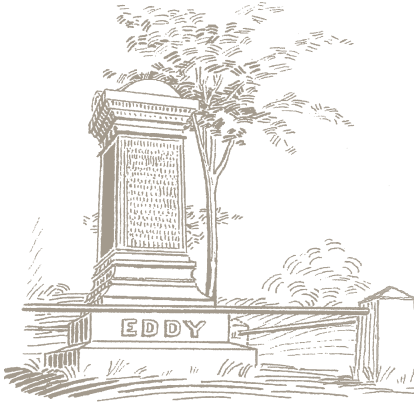
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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN EDDINGTON

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!*

