

7 April 2014

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Attn.: Mr. Chairman

Subject: Veterans Listings
Korea and Vietnam

Gentlemen:

I have begun the research pertaining to defining the lists of men and women from Washington that have honorably served our country during the above subject conflicts.

These lists reflect those individuals that served during these times and received their respective bonus allotments from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There may be additional names that served our country that are not on these lists because the individuals did not apply for the bonus allotments.

I suggest that this list be published within the upcoming edition of the "Tracks" publication such that citizens of the town can review the list and possibly add additional names. I am also forwarding a copy of this letter to the Historical Commission for the same review.

Once a predetermined period of time has elapsed, possibly six months, I would request that the Selectmen create a committee to decide a proper memorial as well as a proper location for this memorial. Once this has been determined, then a decision can be made to erect this memorial and have a proper dedication ceremony. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Peter Blake
Veterans Service Officer, Washington

**Town of Washington
Korea and Vietnam Veterans Listing**

Korea		Vietnam	
Joseph H N Bishop;	U.S. Navy	David L. Barker	U.S. Navy
George N. Burnham;	U.S. Army	Gerald E. Barker	U.S. Army
Lawrence P. Burnham	U.S. Army	George N. Burnham	U.S. Army
Richard G. Burnham	U.S. Army	Richard J. Crossley	U.S. Army
Mary M. Crompton	U.S. Marines	Richard E. Furlong	U.S. Navy
George A. Ellis	U.S. Marines	David F. Furlong	U.S. Navy
David R. Gillett	U.S. Army	Peter A. Gallant	U.S. Marines
Francis B. Marier	U.S. Air Force	James D. Gallant	U.S. Army
Norman W. Nault	U.S. Army	Charles A. Nocher	U.S. Air Force
Theodore Peer	U.S. Navy	Rodney F. Nocher	U.S. Air Force
Robert Powell	U.S. Army	George E. Sears	U.S. Air Force
Wesley L. Saunders	U.S. Coast Guard	Ronald Wood	U.S. Navy

Anyone interested in a 6 week class of bodyweight exercises to be held in town please contact Mary Jarvie @ 413-329-6907. Michael Summers is a certified trainer from Pittsfield willing to come to Washington to make it more convenient for us. His class is energetic, fun and you work at your own pace. He has worked with all levels of ability from beginners to those who want something more challenging. He has also worked with all ages from youngsters to high school athletes to seniors and everyone in between. It's a class I know you'd enjoy no matter what your ability, so give me a call and we'll see if we can get this started.

WASHINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL
The Washington Cultural Council will be holding an Open Informational
Meeting on May 10, 2014 from 1pm to 2pm at the Town Hall.
All are Welcome

To our fellow Washington residents:

May 2014

Thanks to those of you who have returned the letter in last month's *Tracks* requesting information about business being conducted at your address. The more complete the information we have, the better job we can do in drafting changes to our by-laws that both protect existing businesses and make sure that new growth is acceptable to our voters. If you have not yet done so please fill out and return the letter as soon as possible.

On March 26 at our Town Hall representatives from Wired West gave an update on the progress being made to bring high speed internet to every address in Town. They have engaged professional management and are exploring funding options. The Town may be asked to underwrite part of the funding; the main reason for this is to show our support to federal and state agencies which will supply most of the funding. Construction may begin late this year.

The Planning Board has voted to propose a change to our by-laws to ban commercial wind power. The by-law change will be on the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) Warrant for approval.

Other Warrant considerations:

- Purchase of a new large plow truck; the Select Board and Finance Committee recommend using a 50-50 formula of half borrowing and half Chapter funds.
- \$1000 to support the work of Wired West.
- After long consideration the Board and the Finance Committee have decided not to put the adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) on the warrant. We do not want to impose any additional tax burden on our homeowners. When and if we feel that there are sufficient projects that could be funded through the CPA we will reconsider bringing it to the voters.

Update on our roads and bridges:

- DOT is now telling us that the funding for the complete rehabilitation of Washington Mountain Road is no longer available. The Board has protested to Senator Downing and Representative Pignatelli as well as DOT Administration in Boston. We have been able to secure funding to get the road resurfaced this spring. This should make it safe and comfortable for travel for at least a few years. During that time we will work to move the complete rehabilitation forward on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) which determines what major projects DOT undertakes each year. DOT and some of our sister Towns on the Transportation Advisory Committee have already expressed their support for us. We will continue to fight to get Washington Mountain Road fully reconstructed.
- In better highway news, the contractor who chip-sealed our roads last fall has agreed to reimburse the Town for the sanding that was done to minimize the problem. We expect them to also be resurfacing the faulty roadways this spring.
- DOT has provided us with \$25,000 in supplemental Chapter funds that need to be spent this spring. Our plan is to resurface the roadway leading to the transfer station.

We hope to see you all at the Annual Town Meeting – Saturday May 10 at 7 pm. And we hope everyone goes to the polls the next Saturday (May 17) from 12 to 4 pm for our Town Election. Democracy works best when everyone participates!

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case
Select Board

Absentee Ballots for Annual Town Election

If you need an absentee ballot for the Annual Town Election, please contact the Town Clerk to request an absentee ballot application prior to Friday, May 16, 2014 at 12:00 PM. Contact information 413-623-2185; washingtontownclerk@yahoo.com.

Annual Town Election

The Annual Town Election is Saturday, May 17, 2014 at the Washington Town Hall. The polls will be open from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Offices and candidates on the ballot this year are:

Office and Term	Candidate
Auditor (two year unexpired term)	Blank
Finance (three year term)	Sean Connors, Incumbent
Finance (three year term)	Richard Spencer, Incumbent
Finance (two year unexpired term)	Blank
Planning Board (five year term)	Craig Willis, Incumbent
Select Board (three year term)	Michael Case, Incumbent



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