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Beeline Publisher "Bernie"

My new girlfriend, wanted to be swept off her feet, and then freaked out when I put her in the trunk.



Thomas Dutton

Feb 26, 1945 - April 29, 2015

A resident of Surry, NH, Thomas passed away after a three year battle with cancer. After the '68 tour with H Company he resided in Surry for 43 years and was the City Engineer with the City of Keene for 36 years. Throughout his life, he spent his happiest times fishing in his canoe and hiking, especially in pine forests. He was known for his dry sense of humor, his integrity, and his seriousness of purpose.

A quiet and modest man, he was concerned that his obituary not seem boastful. His loving family and friends know, however, that he will be dearly missed by members of many communities to whom he contributed subtle wit, considered wisdom, and determined work, including the Town of Surry: as a member of the Surry Volunteer Fire Department; the Surry Players; the ROMEO Club; Monadnock Squares; Keene Public Works and Keene City Hall; the NH Surveyors Association; the NH Society of Professional Engineers; and the Ashuelot Canoe Racers.

Thomas is survived by his wife Julia.



John Sanborn Sept 24, 1947 - April 8, 2015

John was a resident of Danvers, Massachusetts at the time of his passing. John proudly served his country with MCB 53 completing two tours in Vietnam with A Company. John then served nearly 20 years as a member of the Massachusetts Army National Guard. He was employed by the Town of Danvers Department of Public Works for many years.

He is survived by his wife Wendy.

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Seabee Monument Dedication

BLOOMFIELD, Mo. -- Seats were put in place for 40 people for the unveiling of a monument honoring the U.S. Navy Seabees at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield. Thomas Meyer, a former Seabee from Cape Girardeau, hoped for 50 people to show up for the dedication. Final attendance was closer to 250, with in excess of 80 Seabees in attendance. The monument is part of a much larger mission of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America. They hope to place one such monument in each of the nation's 50 National veteran's cemeteries, as well as in each state veteran's cemetery.

While the organization has met its national goal, the monument erected at Bloomfield is the first placed in a state veteran's cemetery in Missouri. The Southeast Missouri Seabee Chapter Island 5 hosted a district meeting prior to the ceremony in the committal shelter at the cemetery, with those in attendance staying to honor the memory of those for whom this monument was built.

During the service, every former Seabee to stood and identified themselves to the crowd. A total of 83 veterans stood, sharing their name and the years they had served for a full half hour.

Edwin Winters, 92, of Marble Hill, served as a Seabee from 1943-45 in World War II. Asked to participate in the unveiling itself, Winters smiled and said that this was a special day, "It's great to be able to be here for this." Senators Wayne Wallingford (R-27) and Doug Libla also spoke at the event, recognizing those who served the country as Seabees. Wallingford focused on the importance of keeping the story of the Seabees alive for years to come. "We have to make sure that future generations understand the responsibility of military duty and see it as something to work toward--a source of pride," Wallingford said.

He shared a tale of having to explain the Seabees to a young staff member who was not familiar with the Naval Construction Battalion.

"What I found strange is that "Seabee," as a term, is something younger generations aren't familiar with," he said. "There was a time not long ago when youngsters playing with dump trucks or children playing in their back yards dreamed of growing up to be a Seabee."

Wallingford said he hopes monuments such as the one erected at Bloomfield can serve to bring back such enthusiasm about military service. Libla also spoke briefly, sharing his thoughts on the importance of reflecting back on the work the Seabees have done for this nation.

"Oftentimes, this brave group of soldiers was first on the scene--charged with clearing obstacles or securing locations and often entered battle before construction could even begin," Libla said. "They answered their country's demand without delay, filling the demand for skilled soldiers needed for public works projects while simultaneously fighting for our freedom."

For that reason, Libla stressed that the Seabee memorial is one to which everyone should pay their respects. "Today, we honor those Seabees who gave their lives for us," he said. "They will forever be remembered for their personal sacrifice and the dignity with which they served."

The monument is placed south of the committal shelter, near the flagpoles overlooking the pond that is the centerpiece of the cemetery.





David R.	Bush	VIETNAM
Victor M.	Colon-Ortiz	VIETNAM
Michael J.	Craparo	VIETNAM
Joseph J.	Deren, Jr.	VIETNAM
Michael T.	Fennema	VIETNAM
Charles A.	Fiorello	VIETNAM
Ronald H.	Fuerstnau	VIETNAM
David R.	Gallop	VIETNAM
Paul	Glasser, Sr.	VIETNAM
Christopher	Heidgerken	VIETNAM
Kevin	Kelly	VIETNAM
Edward P.	Lemons	VIETNAM
Edward J.	Madson	VIETNAM
L.V. (Jake)	Mason	WW II
Daniel J.	Merklin	VIETNAM
Robert S.	Meyer	VIETNAM
A. George	Milton	VIETNAM
Glenn	Ruffner	VIETNAM
Philip N.	Saverino	VIETNAM
William H.	Schuster	VIETNAM
John L.	Spencer	WW II
Edmond M.	Thompson	VIETNAM
Larry A.	Weber	VIETNAM
Leslie R.	Wiener	VIETNAM
V G (Jerry)	Wright	WW II



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Richard A.	Backlund	VIETNAM
James R.	Bancroft, Jr.	VIETNAM
Conrad H.	Berg	VIETNAM
Phillip M.	Cote	VIETNAM
Bert D.	Cupp	VIETNAM
Robert W.	Drake	VIETNAM
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Theodore P	Irwin	VIETNAM
HClement	Jurgeleit	VIETNAM
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Harry A.	Kerr	VIETNAM
Forrest C.	Klingman	WW II
Charles D.	Mac Lean	WW II
Anthony J.	Masse	VIETNAM
Dominic J.	Moauro	VIETNAM
Allan E.	Neuenfeldt	VIETNAM
Richard A.	Newton	VIETNAM
Thomas L.	Noggle	VIETNAM
Robert E.	Nunley	VIETNAM
Kenneth A	O'Keefe	VIETNAM
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John J.	Panagos	VIETNAM
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Thomas	Shannon	VIETNAM
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James A.	Van Dyke	VIETNAM
John A.	Wanchisn	VIETNAM
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James H.	Barber	VIETNAM
Vincent	Bavaro	VIETNAM
Gregory	Bernard	VIETNAM
Kenneth	Bernier	VIETNAM
Frederick	Bouchard	VIETNAM
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Marcus D.	Case	VIETNAM
Raymond	Clemmons	VIETNAM
Robert T.	De Phillip	VIETNAM

Robert N.	Erbeck	VIETNAM
Edward C.	Florian	VIETNAM
Charles	Gohmert	VIETNAM
Richard A.	Gray, II	VIETNAM
Francis N.	Guyette	WW II
Sigmund	Horvath	VIETNAM
Roger A.	Johnson	VIETNAM
Norman	Johnson	WW II
George R.	Kern	VIETNAM
Lawrence	Lamb	VIETNAM
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Dennis D.	Meixsell	VIETNAM
Clement	Michaud	VIETNAM
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Bruce F.	Owens	VIETNAM
Gale V.	Pinkston	VIETNAM
James A.	Pszenny	VIETNAM
Peter C.	Remsen	VIETNAM
Chuck M.	Reynolds Jr	VIETNAM
Gary A.	Risberg	VIETNAM
Karl L.	Schilling	VIETNAM
James H.	Schmidt	VIETNAM
Terry L.	Shaffer	VIETNAM
James R.	Smythe	VIETNAM
Lyle F.	Stark	VIETNAM
Edward A.	Swiski, Jr.	VIETNAM
William L.	Thompson	VIETNAM
Gordon J.	Tyler	VIETNAM
William R.	Ward	VIETNAM
Donald L.	Wolfgang	VIETNAM



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