

## MERRIMACK'S MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

At the request of the Merrimack VFW Post and American Legion, the Historical Society has been tracing all the Merrimack people who served or are serving in the Military. From MANY sources including military records, books, letters, photos, newspaper reports, obituaries, gravestones and personal knowledge, we have made a list of over XXXXXX names. It grows daily, especially from current obituaries and other input. It includes veterans of wars back to the French and Indian Wars and also many who served in non-war times. It even includes those who served as substitutes in the Civil War, many of whom deserted before reporting for duty. It includes those **born** in Merrimack, those who **lived** in Merrimack, those **credited** as being from Merrimack and those who **died or are buried** in Merrimack. There is one slave, Caesar Barnes, who served during the Revolutionary War, being given his freedom after the war and who received land as a bounty. There may have been more, but haven't found any records of this yet.

It also includes those 32 WOMEN who have served from Merrimack. We are listing them here. There are even three women in one family, who patriotically served our Nation:

Judith Ashcraft, Capt. Gayle Bergin, Mary Burgess, Paula Moquin Burpee, Beatrice Jennings Calnan, Theresa Cavanaugh, Lucille Cherico, Lucille Parker Cogger, Susan Creager Brownsberger, Janet Creager Foster, Nancy DeGrandpre, Ida Dionne, Maj. Alberta Enright, Louise Eugley, Catherine Granrath, Simone Hahn, Anna Henderson, Thersa Hooker, Elizabeth Craft Hujsak, Jennie Cartier Hujsak, Louise Ballou Hujsak, Sherry Kalish, Gilda Kremer, Patricia Lougee, Eva McDaniels, Gertrude Morrissey, Martha Norfrey, Thersa Paradise, Clarice Parker, Elizabeth Scheider, LeeAnn Theriault and Elizasbeth Watkins,

Merrimack has had had several high-ranking veterans; Admiral Forrest Sherman ( WW I and WW II), Brigadier General Edward Haseltine (WWi and WWII), and Brigadier General Enoch Poore ( Rev. War) . Both Admiral Sherman and Brigadier General Haseltine were Merrimack natives and graduated from McGaw School. Admiral Sherman was the Chief of Naval Operations after WW II.

A more recent well-known veteran who died in the Gulf War is Tim Gibson.

Thanks to Sandy Russell, an active member of the Historical Society, who has devoted MANY hours of her time searching for our Veterans and to Steve Closs, Fire and Police Department chaplain, who donated many books about NH in the Civil War to our library.

This list will be available soon on the Merrimack Historical Society website and will be shared with the Legion and VFW. It will continually change as we get more information from those reading this article and recording updated obituaries. Please send input to Anita Creager at [anitacreager58@comast.net](mailto:anitacreager58@comast.net).



