



# The Patroller

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*The Harpswell Garden Club*

INVITES YOU TO THE DEDICATION OF

THE GOLD STAR FAMILIES  
MEMORIAL MARKER

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018, 10:00 A.M.

P-3 PARK AT BRUNSWICK LANDING  
ADMIRAL FITCH AVENUE, BRUNSWICK, ME

REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE ANGUS S. KING, JR.

RECEPTION FOLLOWS AT BRUNSWICK NAVAL MUSEUM  
AND MEMORIAL GARDENS

RSVP BY JUNE 9

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## NASB Reunion

Naval Air Station Brunswick

10-12 August 2018

<http://nasbreunion.org>



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## **Cover Image: Invitation To The Gold Star Marker Dedication Ceremony**

Invitation from the Harpswell Garden Club to attend the dedication of a Gold Star Marker in P-3 park on Saturday, 23 June. This will be the first Gold Star Marker in the state of Maine; please make plans to attend and RSVP by 9 June. Additionally, the 2<sup>nd</sup> biennial NAS Brunswick Reunion will be held on 10-12 August. Registration information and more details can be found on pages 12-20.

## **About “The Patroller”:**

“The Patroller” was the name of the NAS Brunswick base newspaper, and in alignment with our mission to preserve the rich heritage of the former NAS Brunswick, we decided to name our quarterly newsletter eponymously to honor that publication. BNMMG has a library of past editions of “The Patroller” and will regularly feature them on our Facebook page and in this newsletter. Reader contributions to “The Patroller” are most welcome; please send your articles to [info@brunswicknavalmuseum.org](mailto:info@brunswicknavalmuseum.org).

## **Our mission:**

The Brunswick Naval Museum & Memorial Gardens was founded in 2009 as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Our mission is to preserve the rich heritage of the 68 year history of Naval Air Station Brunswick, its squadrons, and the tens of thousands of Sailors, Marines, government civilians, and their families who were stationed at NAS Brunswick.

# From the President

SPRING! Am pleased to report that the snow is gone (finally!), the grass is turning green, and BNMMG has a great lineup of events planned for the summer and fall of 2018, including speaking engagements from key congressional and Navy leaders.

We'll formally kick off our summer with the dedication of a Gold Star Memorial Marker in P-3 Park on Saturday, 23 June - the first Gold Star Marker in the state of Maine. Senator Angus King will be the keynote speaker, and the dedication ceremony will be followed by a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Memorial Gardens and a reception in the museum. More details follow on page 6.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> biennial NAS Brunswick Reunion will be held on 10–12 August 2018. The first NAS Brunswick Reunion attracted more than 250 people, and we are looking to build upon that success. Rear Admiral William L. Wheeler, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group will preside over a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Ceremony and Wreath Laying in the Memorial Gardens in honor of the two VP-26 crews who were lost during combat operations off Vietnam in 1968. Reunion schedule, registration, banquet, and lodging details follow on pages 12-20.

Finally, we'll wrap up the fall with a celebration of the 243<sup>rd</sup> Navy Birthday Ball on Friday, 12 October in conjunction with the Casco Bay Council of the Navy League. Rear Admiral Pete

Garvin, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command, has tentatively confirmed to be the guest speaker. Please mark your calendars and save the date.

Finally, I have both exciting and sad news to pass. On the good news front, BNMMG's Executive Director, Mr. John Briley, was awarded the Joshua Chamberlain award for his outstanding contributions to the Mid-Coast Maine community while serving as the inaugural President and Executive Director of BNMMG. BRAVO ZULU, John!

Now, for the sad news. The BNMMG family was shocked by the tragic death of CDR Charles "Skip" Orem, USN (Ret.). Skip and Gerry – his lovely bride of 66 years – were passengers in an auto accident while vacationing in the Caribbean. Skip was an ardent supporter of BNMMG from our inception, and we are still shocked by the news. Gerry has returned to Brunswick to continue her recovery, and we offer our most sincere condolences to Gerry and the Orem family.

BNMMG is on a great vector; please help us to spread the good news to your friends and shipmates; forward this newsletter, "Like" our Facebook page (@bnmmg), and visit our website at [www.brunswicknavalmuseum.org](http://www.brunswicknavalmuseum.org).

KNHZ forever,

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CAPT Sean Liedman, USN (Ret.)  
[president@brunswicknavalmuseum.org](mailto:president@brunswicknavalmuseum.org)

# ***Corporate Sponsors***

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**BNMMG would like to thank the following companies  
for their generous contributions to our Corporate  
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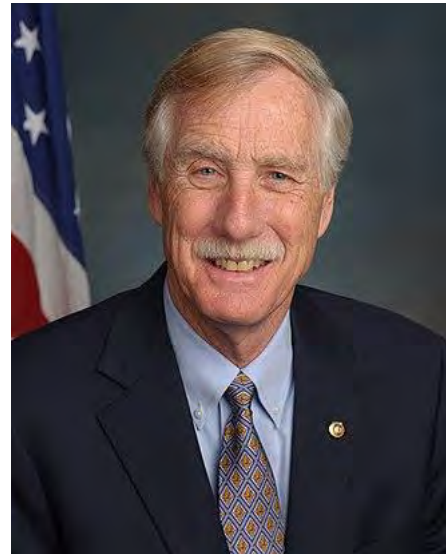


# ***Gold Star Marker Dedication Ceremony***

Plans are coming together nicely for the June 23rd unveiling of the first Gold Star Families Memorial Marker in the state of Maine. Special guests include Senator Angus S. King, Jr., who'll give the keynote remarks, and Mrs. Patti Smith, founder of the non-profit organization America's Gold Star Families, who'll give remarks on the importance of remembering those family members left behind after the death of a loved one on active duty.

The Dedication Ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. with patriotic music presented by the Harpswell Concert Band, and the Ceremony is expected to last about 35 minutes. Overall planning for the Dedication and Reception is being handled by one of our Brunswick Naval Museum Board members, Suzanne Bushnell. Ms. Bushnell is the immediate Past President of the Garden Club Federation of Maine and a former President of the Harpswell Garden Club. The Harpswell Garden Club was responsible for raising the funds to bring the Gold Star Marker to Maine – the 29th to be dedicated in the United States and only the second one to be placed in New England.

Staff from the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority will install the Marker in P-3 Park in early June. After the Marker is installed, members of the Garden Club will begin creating a small garden to surround the base of the Marker. Ms. Bushnell is hoping to find flowers in bloom that are red, white and blue in color. Invitations have been sent to Maine Gold Star Families and the heads of Veterans' organizations in Maine.



**The Honorable Angus S. King, Jr., United States Senator from Maine, will give the keynote dedication remarks at the Dedication of the Gold Star Families Memorial Marker.**

Following the Dedication Ceremony, a Reception will be held at the Museum where attendees will have a chance to enjoy some light food and refreshments. Because June 2018 also marks the 50th Anniversary of the creation of the Memorial Garden, attendees at the Dedication will also have the opportunity to visit the garden and view the many exhibits at the Museum. Staff are planning to have an exhibit of photos and old news clippings dating back to the creation of the Memorial Garden taken from the scrapbooks of the Harpswell Garden Club.

Please RSVP to Ms. Suzanne Bushnell at [smbushnell@comcast.net](mailto:smbushnell@comcast.net) or 207-729-5285, and feel free to contact her if you have any further questions about the events.

# 2017 Joshua Chamberlain Award

We are pleased to report that our Executive Director, Mr. John Briley, was awarded the Joshua Chamberlain Award by the Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber of Commerce in a ceremony on March 9, 2018. The Chamber honored John's service as the founding President and Executive Director of BNMMG with this biography:

"Mr. John B. Briley:

Educated with a Master's degree in Maritime History, John B. Briley has labored long and hard to ensure that the rich history of Naval Air Station Brunswick and its connection with the area towns are preserved.

He has been one of the moving forces behind the creation of the Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens. This work has initiated a transformation of decommissioned spaces into a first class Naval Museum that reflects the beginnings of the base as a Royal Air Force Pilot Training Base during WWII to its closing as a premier US Navy Maritime Patrol Base. Mr. Briley, like Joshua L. Chamberlain, showcases the educational and military side of life in the area."

**BRAVO ZULU, John!**



**Mr. John Briley Accepting The 2018 Joshua Chamberlain Award**

# History of the Memorial Garden

## TAKEN FROM SCRAPBOOKS OF THE HARPSWELL GARDEN CLUB

One of the key players in the establishment of the Memorial Garden (and later the Friendship Garden) was Anne Frances Hodgkins, at the time Chairman of the Civic Committee of the Harpswell Garden Club. Anne lived in Harpswell and was a powerful force in raising funds from many prominent local residents who saw a need to preserve historic buildings and cemeteries in the coastal community of Harpswell.

She was also a good friend of Navy Chaplain William Hill Hunter who was stationed at BNAS near the time the present Chapel was built. According to a letter she wrote for the record and now a part of Harpswell Garden Club's scrapbook on the Memorial Garden, she comments "Whenever I visited Chaplain William Hill Hunter after the new chapel was built, I often commented ... my, the grounds are bare". She wrote that he would reply, "They certainly are, and I wish someone would do something about them".

It wasn't long before she returned to see Chaplain Hunter and indicated that the Harpswell Garden Club had some money they were willing to use to perform some landscaping at the Chapel. On March 28, 1968 a conference was held and in attendance that day was Ms. Hodgkins, Base Commanding Officer CAPT Charles Wyman, Base Executive Officer Commander G. H. Gilliam, Chaplain Hunter, noted University of Maine Professor of Horticulture Lyle Littlefield, and Conrad Griffin with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

At the conclusion of the conference, Professor Littlefield and Mr. Griffin toured the grounds between the Chaplains' Office Wing and the Chapel and agreed to draw up a landscape blueprint for what would later become the Memorial Garden.

In a cruel twist of fate, just one month earlier on February 5, 1968, Crew 8 of VP-26 was shot down during a combat mission over the waters off Vietnam. Only two months later, Crew 1 from the same squadron was also lost during a combat mission off Vietnam on April 1, 1968. Those tragedies made the effort to create the Memorial Garden more critical.

Ms. Hodgkins notes in her letter that the public was so saddened by the loss of the men of VP-26 that they asked "**what can we do**"? The Director of the local Chamber of Commerce, Mr. A. E. DeWachter, who was a former Commanding Officer of VP-26, after consultation with Navy officials, agreed to appeal to the public to raise funds for the garden and make it a *memorial garden*. Among the photos in the Garden Club's scrapbook, one shows children raising funds through lemonade sales.

Finally, on June 16, 1968 – fifty years ago – the Garden was dedicated in a ceremony held in the new Chapel. Attendees that day were included Navy leaders, the Harpswell Garden Club, and members of the public from the local communities who donated money to the establishment of the Memorial Garden.



# History of the Memorial Garden

In another poignant connection to the Memorial Garden, visitors will see the two plaques on the East wall of the former Chapel, now the Brunswick Naval Museum. These plaques are dedicated to the two crews of VP-26 who gave their lives to our country in 1968. These plaques were made by the crewman of the USS BUSHNELL (AS-15) who were commanded by CAPT David F. Purinton, a native of Brunswick, Maine. The crew of the USS BUSHNELL also made the plaque that is displayed on the large boulder in front of the area where the men of VP-26 are memorialized. The plaque reads, *"This Garden is a Memorial to the Gallant Officers and Men of Navy Brunswick Who Gave Their Lives for Freedom While Flying in Naval Aircraft."* You'll also see in the Memorial Garden the remains of a flagstone walkway that was purchased by the wives of VP-26.

Today, there are many more plaques in the Memorial Garden commemorating 102 men who gave their lives in service to our country while serving as crewmen aboard aircraft attached to NAS Brunswick.

At the time the Memorial Garden was dedicated, it was believed to be the only memorial garden on a military base in the country. For many years, it was believed that the Harpswell Garden Club was the only garden club who actively collaborated with an arm of the military to continually raise the funds and maintain gardens on an active duty military installation. Fifty years later, members of the Harpswell Garden Club are still helping to tend the gardens side by side with members of the Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens.

Today, the Museum's mission is to preserve the history of our maritime patrol aviation heritage. We also honor the tens of thousands of military and civilians who served at BNAS and contributed to our safety and freedom.



One of two plaques in the Memorial Garden dedicated to two VP-26 aircrews lost during combat operations of Vietnam; this one memorializes the loss of Crew 8 on February 6, 1968.



The second plaque is dedicated to VP-26 Crew 1, lost on April 1, 1968. The two crews will be remembered during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Memorial Garden.

# History of the Memorial Garden

*Before photo of the outside of the Navy Chapel with very minimal landscaping. This area would eventually become the Memorial Garden. Photo was taken in 1968.*



Photo taken in Memorial Garden during a commemorative service in May 2009.

# *History of the Memorial Garden*

## **Harpswell group dedicates Chapel plaques**



Jeanne Gilliam, Senator Margaret Chase Smith (from left) and Rear Adm. H.G. Rich, USN (Ret) following the annual commemoration service held May 31 at the Base Chapel. The service is in memory of Brunswick sailors who the life lost in service to their country and civilian persons with close ties to the Navy. The Memorial and Friendship Gardens at the Chapel are the sites for the commemorative plaques. (Photo by PH1 Marsha Stoker, NAS Photo Lab)

Photo taken during a Memorial Day Commemoration Service at the NAS Brunswick Chapel. Pictured from left to right is former Harpswell Garden Club President Jeanne Gilliam, Senator Margaret Chase Smith, and Rear Admiral Harry Rich (USN-Ret.).

# **NASB Reunion**

**Naval Air Station Brunswick**



**UPDATED SCHEDULE FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> NASB REUNION AUGUST 10-12, 2018**

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION – OPEN UNTIL MAY 31**

**\$ 10.00 per person**

**REGULAR REGISTRATION JUNE 1 - JULY 25**

**\$ 20.00 per person**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 25**

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10**

**MEET AND GREET**

**5:00-9:00 p.m.**

**American Legion Hall**

**79 Foreside Road Topsham, ME**

**Cash Bar Available**

**Food Available For \$10.00 Per Person, Paid At Door**

**YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED REUNION ATTENDEE**

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11**

**MORNING & AFTERNOON**

**Mere Creek Golf Course**

**Located at end of runways**

**\$35.00 per person**

**Includes 18 holes, cart rental, and BBQ after your round**

**For tee times, call Kevin at (207) 721-9995**

**SHIPYARDS & LIGHTHOUSES CRUISE (1 HOUR)**

**12:00 NOON OR 2:00 PM DEPARTURES**

**Maine Maritime Museum**

**243 Washington Street**

**Bath, Maine 04530**

# **NASB Reunion**

## **Naval Air Station Brunswick**



Explore the Kennebec River where American shipbuilding began more than 400 years ago and continues today. Cruise past Bath Iron Works for spectacular views of the Navy's most advanced ships under construction, then cruise down river for a water view of the museum's historic Percy & Small Shipyard and a close-up look at Doubling Point Light and Kennebec Range Lights.

Cruise tickets must be purchased at the Maine Maritime Museum prior to boarding.

**\$28.00 for adults**

**\$16.00 for children 6-12 years old**

**\$5.00 for children under 6**

Price includes cruise, Museum admission, and a guided tour.

**3:00 PM**

**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WREATH LAYING FOR VP-26**

**RDML WILLIAM W. WHEELER, III, PRESIDING**

**BRUNSWICK NAVAL MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL GARDENS**

Please join us to honor the memory of two VP-26 aircrews who were lost during combat operations off Vietnam in 1968. RDML William W. Wheeler, III, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group will deliver remarks and lay the commemorative wreaths.

**SATURDAY EVENING**

**NAS BRUNSWICK REUNION DINNER**

**PRE-DINNER HAPPY HOUR 3:30 PM TO 6 PM**

**DINNER 6 PM TO 7:30 PM**

**7:30 PM AWARDS AND SPEECHES**

**Brunswick Naval Museum & Memorial Gardens**

**Cash bar by Spirits Catering**

**Buffet dinner served by Ned's Bakes and BBQ's**

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## Naval Air Station Brunswick



### **Twin Lobster Dinner**

\$60.00

2 1-1/4# Lobster  
Steamers  
Clam Broth  
Drawn Butter  
Corn on the Cob  
Potato Salad  
Cole Slaw  
Dinner Roll  
Ice Tea, Lemonade, Water

### **16 oz Sirloin Strip Steak**

\$45.00

16 oz Sirloin Strip Steak  
Corn on the Cob  
Potato Salad  
Cole Slaw  
Dinner Roll  
Ice Tea, Lemonade, Water

### **Surf & Turf**

\$56.00

1 1/4# Lobster  
8 oz Sirloin Strip Steak  
Steamers  
Clam Broth  
Drawn Butter  
Corn on the Cob  
Potato Salad  
Cole Slaw  
Dinner Roll  
Ice Tea, Lemonade, Water

### **1/4 Chicken Dinner**

\$25.00

1/4 BBQ Chicken ( Breast or  
Leg Quarter )  
Corn on the Cob  
Potato Salad  
Cole Slaw  
Dinner Roll  
Ice Tea, Lemonade, Water

### **Traditional Lobster Dinner**

\$51.00

1 1/4# Lobster  
Steamers  
Clam Broth  
Drawn Butter  
Corn on the Cob  
Potato Salad  
Cole Slaw  
Dinner Roll  
Ice Tea, Lemonade, Water

### **Kids' Hamburger & Hot Dog Meal**

\$20.00

Hamburger – 4 oz & Hot Dog  
Corn on the Cob  
Potato Salad  
Cole Slaw  
Dinner Roll  
Ice Tea, Lemonade, Water

### **Veggieburger Meal**

\$17.00

Veggieburgers  
Corn on the Cob  
Potato Salad  
Cole Slaw  
Dinner Roll  
Ice Tea, Lemonade, Water

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12**

**BRUNSWICK NAVAL MUSEUM & MEMORIAL GARDENS**

**9:00 AM**

**Guided tours of Brunswick Landing  
Meet your friends at the museum for coffee and donuts  
Compliments of Frosty's Donuts**

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## Naval Air Station Brunswick



**11:00 AM**

**Chapel Service  
Free coffee and donuts  
Compliments of Frosty's Donuts**

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### **LODGING INFORMATION**

**MOTELS MAY GIVE YOU A DISCOUNT FOR YOUR STAY  
LET THEM KNOW THAT YOU ARE A VETERAN ATTENDING THE NASB REUNION**

#### **BATH/BRUNSWICK HOTELS:**

##### **Hampton Inn Bath**

140 Commercial St, Bath, ME 04530

Phone: (207) 386-1310

Modern riverfront hotel offering free hot breakfast, parking & Wi-Fi, plus an indoor pool

Free Wi-Fi Free breakfast

##### **The Daniel**

10 Water St, Brunswick, ME 04011

Phone: (207) 373-1824

Stylish lodgings with flat-screens & designer toiletries, plus a fitness room & on-site eatery

Free Wi-Fi Free breakfast

##### **The Brunswick Hotel & Tavern**

4 Noble St, Brunswick, ME 04011

Phone: (207) 837-6565

Contemporary, sleek lodging with free Wi-Fi, a gym & a casual restaurant/bar for local fare

Free Wi-Fi

##### **Residence Inn by Marriott Bath Brunswick Area**

139 Richardson St, Bath, ME 04530

Phone: (207) 443-9741

Understated studios & suites with kitchens in a hotel offering a pool & a gym, plus free breakfast

Free Wi-Fi Free breakfast

##### **Knights Inn Brunswick**

133 Pleasant St, Brunswick, ME 04011

Phone: (207) 725-8761

Humble rooms in a straightforward budget hotel offering complimentary continental breakfast

Free Wi-Fi Free breakfast

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### **Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Brunswick Freeport**

36 Old Portland Rd, Brunswick, ME 04011

Phone: (207) 721-0300

Informal option offering free Wi-Fi & hot breakfast, plus an indoor pool, whirlpool & fitness center

Free Wi-Fi Free breakfast

### **The Brunswick Inn**

165 Park Row, Brunswick, ME 04011

Phone: (207) 729-4914

Cozy B&B in an elegant Federal-style house dating from 1848, plus hot breakfast, a bar & free Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi

### **Best Western Plus Brunswick Bath**

71 Gurnet Rd, AKA RT 24, Brunswick, ME 04011

Phone: (207) 725-5251

Classic lodging with free Wi-Fi, breakfast & parking, plus saltwater pool & fitness facilities

Free Wi-Fi

### **Comfort Inn**

199 Pleasant St, Brunswick, ME 04011

Phone: (207) 729-1129

Informal rooms in a relaxed hotel with a fitness center, plus free hot breakfast, parking & Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi Free breakfast

### **Americas Best Value Inn Brunswick**

215 Pleasant St, Brunswick, ME 04011

Phone: (207) 729-9991

Budget hotel offering an outdoor pool with a picnic area, plus free Wi-Fi & continental breakfast

Free Wi-Fi Free breakfast

### **Travelers Inn**

130 Pleasant St, Brunswick, ME 04011

Phone: (207) 729-3364

Charming, family-run motel offering simple rooms & suites, plus free continental breakfast & Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi Free breakfast

### **Days Inn Brunswick Bath Area**

224 Bath Rd, Brunswick, ME 04011

Phone: (207) 725-8883

Traditional hotel offering relaxed rooms & suites, as well as free breakfast, parking & Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi Free breakfast

### **Rodeway Inn & Suites**

287 Bath Rd, Brunswick, ME 04011

Phone: (207) 729-6661

Low-key hotel offering colorful, casual rooms, plus a picnic area, a sundeck & basketball courts

Free Wi-Fi Free breakfast



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### **FREEPORT HOTELS:**

#### **Casco Bay Inn**

107 Us Route 1, Intersection of S. Freeport Rd., Freeport, ME 04032

Phone: (207) 865-4925

Relaxed hotel offering cozy rooms with in suite bathrooms, plus free continental breakfast

#### **Harraseeket Inn**

162 Main St, Freeport, ME 04032

Phone: (207) 865-9377

Elegant family-run hotel with a free breakfast buffet, plus an indoor pool & a tavern

Free breakfast

#### **Hampton Inn Freeport/Brunswick**

Address: 194 Lower Main St, Freeport, ME 04032

Phone: (207) 865-1400

Functional rooms & an indoor pool, plus freebies including a downtown shuttle & hot breakfast.

#### **Hilton Garden Inn Freeport Downtown**

Address: 5 Park St, Freeport, ME 04032

Phone: (207) 865-1433

Traditional rooms & suites, plus a casual American eatery & an indoor pool with a whirlpool

#### **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Freeport - Brunswick Area**

450 US-1, Freeport, ME 04032

Phone: (207) 865-9020

Traditional lodging with an indoor pool, whirlpool & fitness center, plus free Wi-Fi & breakfast

#### **Quality Suites**

500 US-1, Freeport, ME 04032

Phone: (207) 536-5568

Straightforward hotel with an indoor pool, plus free perks including hot breakfast & Wi-Fi

#### **Best Western Freeport Inn**

31 US Route 1, Freeport, ME 04032

Phone: (207) 865-3106

Traditional hotel on a marshland property, with free Wi-Fi, pool & 2 restaurants

#### **Super 8 Freeport Brunswick Area**

Contemporary budget hotel with free continental breakfast, Wi-Fi & large vehicle parking

Address: 506 US-1, Freeport, ME 04032

Phone: (207) 865-1408

#### **Econo Lodge**

Budget hotel featuring simple rooms with flat-screen TVs, plus complimentary breakfast & Wi-Fi

Address: 537 US-1, Freeport, ME 04032

Phone: (207) 865-3777

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### **Candle Bay Inn**

8 Maple Avenue, Freeport, ME 04032

Phone: (207) 865-1868

Located in the village of Freeport, Maine, the Candle bay Inn is a quaint, dog-friendly bed and breakfast within walking distance to outlet stores and restaurants. All rooms feature WIFI and if needed, a roll-away bed is available for \$15.00/night. All seven of our rooms are bright and comfortable, each with its own private bath, and all are air-conditioned, non-smoking, and dog-friendly.

### **The Village Inn**

186 Main St. Freeport, ME 04032

Phone: 207-865-3236

Our rooms are motel-style with private baths, heat and air, WI/FI, CABLE TVS, and in-room phones. We also serve a Full Breakfast. MC/Visa/Amex/Disc accepted.

### **HARPSWELL HOTELS:**

#### **Cook's Island View Motel**

Address: 2041 Harpswell Islands Rd

Bailey Island, ME 04003

Phone: (207) 833-7780

This long, low-slung motor inn on an island is 1.7 miles from Lands' End Gift Shop and 14.8 miles from Brunswick. Bright straightforward rooms come standard with free WiFi, minifridges, microwaves and cable TV. All provide indoor and outdoor seating. The property also offers private residences for weekly rentals. They consist of 2 bedrooms and 2 baths, plus fully stocked kitchens and linens. Amenities include an indoor pool.

#### **Harpswell Inn**

Address: 108 Lookout Point Rd

Harpswell, ME 04079

Phone: (207) 833-5509

Free Wi-Fi

Free breakfast

#### **Quahog Bay Inn**

Address: 21 Wilbur's Way

Harpswell, ME 04079

Phone: (207) 725-9995

Overlooking the bay and a working lobster pound, this homey family-run inn is 10.8 miles from Brunswick and 21.2 miles from Freeport.

The 6 bright suites have either 1 or 2 bedrooms, and offer private decks with water views, full kitchens, linens, and complimentary tea, coffee and water. All have cable TV and free WiFi.

Continental breakfast is included. Lobsters from the lobster pound can be purchased and cooked by the innkeepers, and there's a grill and picnic tables on the dock. On-site, guests can rent kayaks, canoes and small boats, and launch them from nearby ramps. Fishing gear is also available for rent.

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### **Driftwood Inn**

Bed & breakfast in Harpswell, Maine

Address: 81 Washington Ave

Bailey Island, ME 04003

Phone: (207) 833-5461

Set on 3 acres of land on Bailey Island, this oceanside complex with cabins is a 5-minute walk to the Giant's Stairs and McIntosh Lot Preserve coastal walking path.

The simple wood-paneled rooms are spread across 3 separate properties and share bathroom facilities.

Some rooms include half-baths. There are also 6 straightforward cabins available, plus 2 off-site cottages (one featuring an indoor pool and an exercise room).

Cooked breakfast and dinner are available for a surcharge and served in a relaxed waterfront dining area.

There's also an outdoor saltwater pool next to the water's edge.

### **Log Cabin Inn**

Address: 5 Log Cabin Rd

Bailey Island, ME 04003

Phone: (207) 833-5546

Overlooking Merriconeag Sound, this seasonal, family-run inn is 1.7 miles from Land's End Gift Shop.

The homey, rustic rooms have ocean views and come with TVs and free WiFi, plus minifridges and microwaves. All have en suite bathrooms. Some rooms add full kitchens and separate living areas, as well as Jacuzzis, pull-out sofas and decks with hot tubs. Complimentary full breakfast is provided. There's a restaurant serving local seafood, and a gift shop.

### **Bailey Island Motel**

Address: ME-24

Bailey Island, ME 04003

Phone: (207) 833-2886

Hotel details

Simple and homey, this waterside motel is 14.4 miles from Brunswick and 18.6 miles from Bath.

Modest rooms offer cable TV, free WiFi and minifridges; many have ocean views. A sole studio adds a kitchenette.

Stays include daily complimentary breakfast consisting of coffee, tea, juice and homemade muffins.

Adirondack chairs dot the lawn, facing the water, which guests can access via a private dock.

Free breakfast

## **CAMPING AREAS**

### **Meadowbrook Camping Area**

<http://www.meadowbrookme.com/>

33 Meadowbrook Rd,

Phippsburg, ME 04562

Phone: (207) 443-4967

*Ask for military discount!*

### **Thomas Point Beach, Inc.**

<http://www.thomaspoinbeach.com>

29 Meadow Road,

Brunswick, Maine 04011

Phone (207) 725-6009

# NASB Reunion

Naval Air Station Brunswick



## **Cedar Haven Family Campground**

<http://www.cedarhavenfamilycampground.com/>

39 Baker Rd

Freeport, ME 04032

Phone: (207) 865-6254

## **Winslow Memorial Park**

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# *In Memoriam*



## **Charles A. Orem, 89**

BRUNSWICK - Cmdr. Charles A. "Skip" Orem, retired U. S. Navy, died on March 1, 2018, as the result of an accident while on vacation in the Caribbean.

The son of Vice Admiral and Mrs. Howard E. Orem, he was born in Bryn Mawr, Pa., on April 1, 1929. Skip graduated with the class of 1946, from St. Albans School, Washington, D.C. Entering the U.S. Naval Academy, he graduated with a degree in engineering, and was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy in June 1950.

He married Gerry Wellborn, of Washington D.C., on June 15, 1951.

He continued his education, graduating from U.S. Naval Submarine School in June 1952, and from U.S. Naval Postgraduate School with a master's degree in electrical engineering in 1960. Over the course of his 20-year navy career, Skip served on seven different ships of the [U.S. Navy](#), and finally was commissioning commanding officer of the USS Simon Bolivar (SSBN 641). After two-and-a-half years in command of "Bolivar," he was assigned to the office of the chief of naval operations, where he served as submarine and undersea warfare specialist. Skip retired from the Navy in 1970.

On retirement, he joined Babcock & Wilcox Company, where he served in a variety of senior management positions, including director of corporate planning and development. In 1979, he was recruited to be president and chief executive officer of Bird-Johnson Company, a Swedish-owned, U.S.-based manufacturer of ship propellers and propulsion equipment. During his tenure at Bird-Johnson, Skip grew the company from a small domestic supplier, to the second largest propeller and associated equipment company in the world. At his retirement from Bird-Johnson in 1991, the company had operations in four states, and five foreign countries.

Skip then volunteered for the International Executive Service Corps (I.E.S.C.). His first assignment with that organization was in Prague, Czechoslovakia, where he and four other I.E.S.C. volunteers, with their wives, assisted the Czech government in writing and implementing the plan for privatizing Czech industry. He was formally commended by the Czech government for his contribution to this national effort. Subsequently, Skip performed I.E.S.C. volunteer work in Tomsk, Siberia.

In 1993, he and his wife retired to the coast of Maine, where they built their dream house on Casco Bay. In Maine, Skip was active with SCORE, a partner of the Small Business Administration, assisting entrepreneurs and small business owners in establishing and managing their businesses. He served as chairman of the Portland chapter from 1997-1999; as coordinator for all SCORE seminar and workshop activity in the New England region from 1996-2003; and as district director for the Maine district of SCORE from 2003-2007.

He was an enthusiastic and active docent and tour guide at the Maine Maritime Museum (M.M.M.), and Admiral Peary's Eagle Island. Skip was a trustee emeritus of the M.M.M., and also served on the boards of the Portland Symphony Orchestra, the Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ, and the Casco Bay Council of the Navy League of the United States.

He used his exceptional talents to write strategic plans for the Kotzschmar Organ and the M.M.M. that significantly enhanced their levels of activity and outreach. He also assisted in strategic plan

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development for the Portland Symphony Orchestra and the First Parish Church in Brunswick. In their retirement years, the Orem travelled extensively to learn the history, culture and arts of many countries. They visited all seven continents, and over 70 countries. Avid sailors, they cruised the waters of the coasts of Maine, British Columbia, the Society Islands in the Pacific, and extensively explored the Caribbean.

Skip was a trained singer, the bass-baritone soloist for the Naval Academy Choir. He and his wife, Gerry, loved singing in church choirs, wherever they lived. He was also an enthusiastic golfer. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Gerry Wellborn Orem, of Brunswick; three daughters: Nancy Orem-Duggan and her husband, Neal, of Maryland; Catherine Jackson, of South Carolina; and Sarah Schaffer and her husband, Greg, of Massachusetts; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at the First Parish Church, Brunswick, at a later date. Interment will be in the Orem family plot at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Arrangements are under the care of Stetson's Funeral Home, Brunswick, where memorial condolences may be expressed at [stetsonsfuneralhome.com](http://stetsonsfuneralhome.com).

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Editor's Note: CDR Skip Orem and his wife Gerry were ardent supporters of the Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens. The picture below was taken at the 242<sup>nd</sup> Navy Birthday Celebration in October 2017 where Skip was recognized as the Senior Sailor Present.



# *Events Calendar*

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## 2018

- 23 June: Gold Star Marker Dedication Ceremony – 10:00 a.m. in P-3 Park aboard Brunswick Landing. A reception will be held in the Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens immediately following the ceremony.
- 10-12 August: 2nd Biennial NAS Brunswick Reunion; more details are available on page 13 of this newsletter and at <http://nasbreunion.org>.
- 12 August: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial/Wreathlaying Ceremony for two VP-26 aircrews lost in combat during the Vietnam War.
- 12 October: 243<sup>rd</sup> Navy Birthday Celebration in conjunction with the Casco Bay Navy League. Please save the date and plan to join us for an evening of fine dining and camaraderie.

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as of May 8, 2018

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