

BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

This year BHS Local Historian, Daniel Davis will be presenting the Memorial Day Address, "Defining History's Greatest War Heroes". Special music will be by, Robbi Chaponis. We invite you to attend the Observance at Beals Town Office on Monday, May 29th at 10AM.

2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR NEW

Summer fun is right around the corner, so before you get too busy, please remember to renew your BHS membership. As you will notice on the attached membership application, the dues have not increased and the fee is very minimal. Annual membership dues are utilized for the general operation costs. We hope you will continue to support BHS as it is a most worthy nonprofit organization! We appreciate your support! Please feel free to share the newsletter with your family and friends! Thank you!

BHS will be selling Lobster and Crabmeat rolls across from the USCG on July 1st, which is when the World's Fastest Boat races will be held.

IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY, THE FOLLOWING POEMS AND WRITINGS WERE FOUND IN THE BEALS HIGH SCHOOL 1945 OCEAN BREEZE YEARBOOK.



"VE-DAY"

The victory in Europe has finally come! What a glad day it is for thousands of homeless and desolate people over there. Yes, and it is a great victory for the men who have fought there from the United States, Great Britain, Canada, and Russia. Little we know of the joy in their hearts! Yet there is a ray of sadness when they remember their buddies who made the supreme sacrifice, buddies who once fought side by side with them and now are lying in the earth marked by white crosses.

Some of the soldiers have been seriously wounded, crippled for life, or blinded; others have been tortured and starved in German prison camps. One cannot blame these warriors and their friends if they feel bitter and cold toward the German people as a whole.

Our boys, many of them at least, will be coming home, but others are not through battle yet! They must fight in another war, the war with the Japanese, who are equally as cruel an enemy as the Germans were.

The leaders of our nation and the citizens realize that there is a great victory yet to be won as do those fighting in the Pacific theater of war and those who fought in Europe. The President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, asked us to thank God for this victory in Europe, to remember those who have made the supreme sacrifice, and to ask God to help us win a speedy victory over Japan.

Let us buy bonds and keep buying them until it is impossible for us to do so any longer. And, too, let us be a "Praying" nation and build up within the hearts of each and every individual true brotherly love for those across the seas in war torn countries. Then we will show true patriotism; and then we will be taking a big step toward a Lasting Peace.

Addie E. Norton, '46

WORK FOR A SECOND VICTORY

At last Germany has been brought to a crushing defeat. For more than five years and eight months the world has been witnessing the worst war in the history of mankind. Now on May 8, 1945, joint

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PERSONALIZED BRICKS

It's time to purchase personalized bricks for either the Veteran's Monument Park or the Patio. For the 4"x 8" brick, you have three lines each with 21 letters and spaces for \$75. The 8"x8" brick offers four lines with 21 letters and spaces for \$125. The Veteran's brick information includes the rank, name, branch of service, war and years served. You can be creative with the Patio brick. It can be your favorite Beal's Island memory, memorialize your loved ones, honor the living, a school memory. It's your choice with the patio brick. Thank you!

*BHS Heritage Center
hours are
Monday – Friday
9:30AM to 1:30PM.*

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 proclamations from Washington, D.C., London, and Moscow have brought the European War to an official end.

We should certainly be glad, but we should not forget to thank God for his mercy on our nation. Not an enemy bomb or shell has hit our land. The horrors of this war are unknown to most people except through magazines, newspapers, and movies.

In direct contrast much of Europe has been laid waste. Europe has starved and suffered through these years of turmoil and bloodshed. Innocent people have been murdered, women and children, as well as men have been used as instruments for torture. With the news coming in of the horrors of the German camps of concentration we are beginning to realize the terrible things that have taken place in Europe.

Before us now is the battle with Japan. The outcome of this conflict is certain but the question is: 'How soon can Japan be brought to her knees?' Upon that hinges the fate of many of America's finest men. Therefore, each and every American should do all that lies within his power until the surrender of Japan brings peace once more to a suffering world.

James N. Alley, '45

OCEAN BREEZE

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ROLL OF HONOR

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<p style="text-align: center;">Army</p> <p>Oscar Wallace, Jr.-Pfc. Alexis Fagonde-Pfc. John Peabody-Pfc. Thomas Peabody-Pfc. Willard Kelley-Pfc. Carlisle Davis-Pvt. William Dobbins-Sergeant Albert Faulkingham-Corporal Esten Drisko-Pfc. George Harroett-Pfc. Merrill Merchant-Pfc. Eben Alley-Pvt. Halburton Beal-Pfc. Rollins Kelley-Pfc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Navy</p> <p>Donald Backman-B.M. 2c Harvard Urquhart-Coxswain Chester Lenfestey-S1 c Clyde Peabody-S 1 c Thurman Beal-B.M. 2 c James Huntley-B.M. 1 c Horace Peabody-S1 c Closson Alley, Jr.-A/S Neal Woodward-A/S Harry Crowley, Jr.-Ensign</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coast Guard</p> <p>Herman Backman, Jr.-Mo. M.M. 3c Oscar Carver- Mo. M.M. 4c Wellington Alley-Lieutenant J. G. Alamander Alley-C.B.M. Enos Look-B.M. 1c Ellery Merchant-B.M. 1c John Alley-S 1c Morrill Peabody-C.B.M. Esten Beal, Jr.-F 1c A. Leon Beal, Jr. S 1c J. Noyes Alley-C.B.M. Winworth Alley-S 1c Merrill Kelley-C. Mo. M.M. *Clarence Beal-Mo. M.M. 2c *Deceased</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Army Air Force</p> <p>Fletcher Alley-S.Sgt. Reginald Alley-Sergeant</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Merchant Marine</p> <p>*Harleigh Alley-Seaman Leander Look-Lieutenant</p>
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Many of our service men have written to their friends for pictures taken around home, especially of the water front. We are including the two pages of local scenes with the hope that we may bring pleasure to those who are in the service and that they may soon be able to enjoy these scenes in reality.

**IN TRIBUTE TO OUR
 LATE PRESIDENT**

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

God has called him from his country,
 The land he fought for till death;
 He died a courageous soldier,
 And now he lies at rest.

Not as a soldier in battle,
 Not as a sailor sea;
 But as the president of our Nation,
 He has struggled to keep us free.

We shall always hoor this great Leader,
 Who prayed that this "Crusade"
 might soon cease; And worked faithfully
 with our Allied Nations,
 To insure to the world "A Lasting Peace."

Elizabeth B. Porter, '46

THE 8th DAY OF MAY

Why were the Allies so happy
 On the 8th day of May?
 Because of their great triumph,
 And, at last, it was V-E Day.

But we still have a battle before us,
 And we're bound to pull through;
 Now to help get this war over
 Is up to me and you.

It came on President Truman's birthday,
 And people gathered to pray,
 To thank God for the victory
 That was won on the 8th day of May.

As we won't have complete victory
 Until 'Old Glory' waves in Japan,
 We should all work hard for V-J Day
 By helping in every way we can.

Marcia Woodward, '45

MEDITATION

As I gazed from my window
 Early one morning in May,
 I saw, beyond fields of green,
 A beautiful calm blue bay.

There were many boats on the ocean,
 Sailing and gliding along;
 It was truly a wonderful sight
 And it filled my heart with a song.

Then I bowed my head in prayer,
 To thank God for faith and trust;
 And I prayed for the boys over there,
 Who are fighting and dying for us.

Addie E. Norton, '46

V-E DAY

THIS is the time we've worked and
 waited for,
 And we're thankful for V-E Day,
 That has made the Allies victorious,
 When it came on the eighth day of May.

The Allies made old Hitler run;
 They've shot and killed Mussolini.
 Now we're going after the Japanese
 Who are tricky, toothy and skinny.

We're bombing the homeland of the
 Japs

So radio and papers say,
 But we won't stop at anything
 Until it is actually V-J Day.

Paul R. Beal '47

THE TASK

World War I was fought in Europe,
 World War II all over the world;
 We hope this one will end all wars
 As the Flags of Freedom are unfurled.

Many gave their lives;
 To them high tribute we pay;
 But we must not forget the wounded
 Who fought to give us V-E Day.

This task now facing the Allies
 Is to wipe out those ivory jaws
 Few of them know anything about God;
 They care little for and don't respect
 laws.

Ruth Lenfestey, '45

*According to www.defense.gov,
 the meaning of VE-Day and
 VJ-Day is as follows:*

On Victory in Europe Day or V-E Day, Germany unconditionally surrendered its military forces to the Allies, including the United States. On May 8, 1945 – known as Victory in Europe Day or V-E Day – celebrations erupted around the world to mark the end of World War II in Europe.

V-J Day, or Victory over Japan Day, marks the end of World War II, one of the deadliest and most destructive wars in history. When President Harry S. Truman announced on August 14, 1945, that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, war-weary citizens around the world erupted in celebration.

BEALS HERITAGE CENTER FUNDRAISING DRIVE

BUY A PERSONALIZED BRICK PROGRAM

The Beals Historical Society offers the chance to be creative in personalizing a brick for your favorite person, pet, place, event, occasion, or simply something that is near and dear to your heart. Purchasing a personalized brick will enable the continuation of the brick patio, and/or adding your favorite Veteran to the Veterans Monument Park Area.

The Veteran's 4 x 8 brick consists of the Veteran's rank, name, branch of service, war served in and years served. Your purchase of a personalized 4x8 cinnamon colored brick with black filled lettering for \$85 is a tax-deductible donation or you may wish to purchase an 8x8 brick for \$125. Purchasing the 8 x 8 brick gives you an additional line or instead of the line you may purchase a logo for an additional \$10. Price includes shipping.

YES! WE'D LIKE TO RESERVE A PERSONALIZED PERMANENT BRICK.

Please check one of the following:

- Patio Veterans Monument
 Check here for 4x8 brick for \$85.00 (standard block lettering included).
 Check here for 8x8 brick for \$125.00 (add an additional \$10 for a logo)

Please engrave your brick as follows: For a 4 x 8 brick use three lines with 21 letters including spaces and for an 8 x 8 brick add use four lines.

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:
BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ATTN: Treasurer, PO Box 280, Beals, ME 04611**
Thank you for your contribution!

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Amount Paid: _____

*For further information or suggestions with a design for your personalized brick,
please contact Carol Davis at (207) 497-2675 or email efdavis44@yahoo.com.*

Beals Heritage Center



Beals Historical Society Membership Application

Please check one: Renewal New

Name(s) as you wish it to appear on membership card and member roll on website:

(Please type or print clearly)

Your mailing address: Street or Post Office Box: _____
City: _____ State _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail address: _____

Type of membership (Please review all types and check the one that applies)

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|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Annual | \$10 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Life | \$200 one-time payment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple Annual | \$15 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Life | \$300 one-time payment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/65 Annual | \$5 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior couple/65 Annual | \$7.50 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$5 annually |

Over and above dues, I wish to donate _____ for __operating expenses, __building fund, or __ endowment fund. Receipt and membership card will be sent to you.

**Instructions: Please print, complete and mail this application, together with tax-deductible check or money order payable to Beals Historical Society to:
Membership Chairperson, Beals Historical Society, P.O. Box 280, Beals, ME 04611**

Annual memberships are for the calendar year and expire Dec. 31.