

Reaching military & veterans in New Hampshire What we are learning . . .



New Hampshire's population = 1.3 million

Of which, 130,000 are Veterans

representing 10% of the population

NH has no active duty
military bases.

Our veterans are . . .

- Reservists
- National Guard



In researching how to reach
Veterans &
connect them to the arts,
we started with what we know
has worked . . .

Our connections with the NH Veterans home . . .

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New Hampshire VETERANS HOME

Monday, October 14, 2013

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Music to their Ears
Residents enjoy the visits of all sorts of entertainers.

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Welcome

The mission of the New Hampshire Veterans Home is to provide high quality, professional, long-term care services to the Granite State's elderly and disabled

Percent for Art Project for dementia wing of the NH Veterans Home - *Windows Home* by Gordon Carlisle



Percent for Art Project for the atrium of the NH Veterans Home; *New Hampshire Landscape* by Sheldon Cassady



Arts in Health Care Project Grant;
Weaving & drumming for residents of the NH
Veterans Home



New Hampshire participates in the National Blue Star Museums program with 46 participating museums!



Millyard Museum

Castle in the Clouds

American Independence Museum

Enfield Shaker Museum

Currier Museum of Art

NH Historical Society

Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm

The Fells

Mariposa Museum

Strawbery Banke Museum

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center

Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum

New Hampshire Farm Museum

And added what what we
heard . . .

We heard in on NPR . . .

The Guitars for Vets project

www.guitarsforvets.org

Thank You for visiting Guitars For Vets. We are currently working on a new website. For up-to-minute info, visit our [Facebook](#) page.

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“restoring the feelings of joy and purpose that can be lost after suffering trauma”

Our Mission

In 2007, a Milwaukee guitar instructor was introduced to a Vietnam-era Marine. The Marine wanted to learn to play guitar but felt the lasting effects of combat, in the form of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), had left him unable to coordinate the hands with the mind. After only a few months of working with the guitar instructor, the Marine discovered that the same strong spirit that helped him throughout his time in Vietnam was all he needed to play music. Together, the men realized that guitar lessons were both opportunities for self-expression and positive human interaction. The men shared what they learned with Veterans at The Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center Spinal Rehabilitation Unit. Guitars for Vets was born.

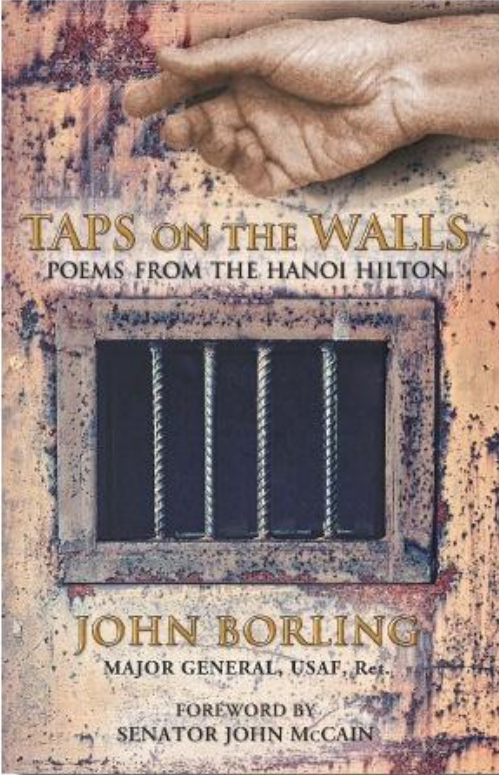
Today, there may be as many as 400,000 service members living with “invisible wounds of war”, particularly PTSD. Additionally, troops serving in military operations after September 11,



We heard in on NPR . . .

General John Borling's poems from Hanoi imprisonment,
composed in Morse code

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*The west was a patch work of
color flung over a racing sky...*

Now in a commemorative hardcover edition from Master Wings Publishing, LLC, TAPS ON THE WALLS is a remarkable and unique testament to the courage and resilience of the American spirit published concurrent with the 40th Anniversary of the release of the Hanoi Hilton inmates. Each piece is a resounding expression of freedom, originally committed to memory and shared with fellow prisoners only in code, a testament to one patriotic soldier's determination to keep his connection to country, family, and to his fellow servicemen. Foreword by Senator John McCain.

TAPS ON THE WALLS:
Poems from the Hanoi Hilton
by John Borling, Major General, USAF, Ret.

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How did a prisoner of war survive six years and eight months of soul-crushing imprisonment in the Hanoi Hilton during the Vietnam War? By writing poetry. And how did he do it without pencil or paper?

And then, we launched
into more research . . .

Strategic planning focus group discussion with . . .

- NH Easter Seals Veterans Count program

The screenshot shows the website for Easter Seals New Hampshire. At the top left is the Easter Seals logo, which consists of a stylized white bird or flower shape on a red background with the text "Easter Seals DISABILITY SERVICES". To the right of the logo are navigation links: Home, Donate Now, Contact Us, Login, and Register. Further right is a "Text Size" selector with four "A" icons and a search box. Below the navigation is a red banner with the text "Easter Seals New Hampshire" and a paragraph: "Easter Seals provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities." To the right of this text is a photo of an older man and a young girl smiling. Below the banner is a "SERVICES" menu on the left with a list of links: Adult Day Services, Adult Rehabilitation, Autism Services, Camping and Recreation, Children and Youth, Community Based Services, Dental Center, Seniors Count, In-Home Senior Services, Senior Services, Substance Abuse Programs, Special Education, and Transportation. In the center of the page is the "VETERANS COUNT" logo, which features a large blue star with an American flag pattern inside it. Below the star is the text "A program of Easter Seals" and "VETERANS COUNT" in large blue letters. Underneath that is the tagline "Supporting Our Military and Their Families". Below the logo is the heading "Military & Veterans Services" and the text "Connecting New Hampshire's veterans and their families to solutions". At the bottom of this section is the text "Funds raised locally through the Veterans Count philanthropic program and events." To the right of the logo is a "share" button with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, and "Email" and "Print" buttons. Below the logo is a "Donate Now!" button. To the right of the "Donate Now!" button is a section titled "STAY CONNECTED TO EASTER SEALS:" with the text "Receive news and special announcements via email." Below this is an "EMAIL" input field and a "GO" button. Below that is a "ZIP CODE" input field and another "GO" button. To the right of the "GO" buttons is a section titled "FIND EASTER SEALS NEAR YOU:" with a "ZIP CODE" input field and a "GO" button. Below this is a "Search by State" link. At the bottom right is a Facebook "Like" button.

- The Currier Museum of Arts, host of the exhibit . .

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of ART**

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through
November 11
2013

Visual Dispatches from the Vietnam War

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January 2014.

Film screening Saturday
[the Taste of Money](#)

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Visual Dispatches from the Vietnam War

Aug. 3, 2013 — Nov. 11, 2013

This exhibition presents 35 iconic photographs that brought the Vietnam War to the dinner table of every American household. Photographers Horst Faas, Henri Huet, Eddie Adams, Larry Burrows and Don McCullin provided the definitive visual record for one of the most important events in 20th century American history. They laid bare the horrors of combat with directness never before seen, causing many to question the morality of war. That these images influenced public opinion of the Vietnam War and hastened its end is a testament to the visual power and authority of the medium and the courage and artistry of their makers, many of whom died on the battlefield.

Guests are invited to use a public response area adjacent to the exhibition to share their reflections on the images. There, Vietnam veterans may share personal photographs of their combat experiences in a special installation. Digital scans of the photos up to 8 1/2 x 11 inches and descriptions of up to 100 words will be accepted by e-mail to visualdispatches@currier.org, or guests can bring copies with them when they visit. Please, no originals, photo albums or framed photographs. You may submit personal photographs through the duration of the exhibition.

Images:

Larry Burrows, "Farley Shouts..." Yankee Papa 13, March 31, 1965, 1965 (printed later), gelatin silver print, 20 x16 in. Larry Burrows, LIFE © Time Inc, courtesy Larry Burrows Collection.

- Artist and advocate Peggo Hodes



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Vibrant Voice Workshops

Vibrant Voice workshops are fantastic for:

- **Singers** seeking to expand their skills and explore a more vibrant performance.
- People who want to open up their **creativity**.
- **Artists and musicians** who want to access their deeper artistic voice.
- **"Non-singers"** who always wanted to sing.
- People who want to learn to **express** themselves more effectively.
- Anyone eager to **grow** and **expand** personally.



Please check the [Events Listings](#) for current Workshops being offered.



- © Sing Tone Chant Breathe Write Move Play

Followed by one-to-one meetings with

- The NH State Office of Veterans Services . . .

The screenshot shows the homepage of the New Hampshire State Office of Veterans Services. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "an official NEW HAMPSHIRE government website" and the state seal. Below this is a banner with the text "New Hampshire State Office of Veterans Services" and silhouettes of three veterans saluting. The main content area is divided into several sections: a left sidebar with a menu, a central "Welcome" section with a "Mission Statement", a search bar, and a right sidebar with "Quick Links" and "How Do I" sections. At the bottom, there is contact information for the office.

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 New Hampshire
State Office of Veterans Services

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Welcome

Mission Statement

The mission of the New Hampshire State Office of Veterans Services is to assist veterans who are residents of New Hampshire or their dependents in securing all benefits or preferences to which they may be entitled under any state or federal laws or regulations.

search this site

Quick Links

- Contact the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery
- Contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

more Quick Links...

How Do I

- Contact My Legislator
- Obtain a Discharge Document

more How Do I...



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- Family Program Support Services of the NH National Guard



The screenshot shows the website for the New Hampshire National Guard. At the top, there are two circular logos: the Army National Guard logo on the left and the Air National Guard logo on the right. Between them is the text "NEW HAMPSHIRE NATIONAL GUARD" in large, bold, white letters, with the slogan "Always Ready Always There" underneath. Below this is a navigation bar with links for Home, News & Media, Leadership, History, Locations, Units, Contact, and Search. A secondary navigation bar contains links for Family Home, Family Program (which is highlighted), Calendar, Deployment Support, and Suicide Prevention. On the left side, there is a vertical menu with buttons for "Join the Guard", "Current Guard Members", "Guard Families", "Community Outreach", "Veteran Services", and "Support the Guard". The main content area is titled "FAMILY PROGRAM SUPPORT SERVICES" and contains a paragraph of introductory text followed by a bulleted list of six service goals. At the bottom left of the main content area, there is a photograph of a family consisting of a man, a woman, and two children.

NEW HAMPSHIRE NATIONAL GUARD
Always Ready Always There

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Family Home **Family Program** Calendar Deployment Support Suicide Prevention

Join the Guard
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FAMILY PROGRAM SUPPORT SERVICES

The New Hampshire National Guard Family Program is established to increase communication among families, Guard members, Units and the National Guard Leadership and increase and maintain NHNG Family Readiness. Through the Family Assistance Support Centers, Family Readiness Support (FRSA and A&FRP) and Youth Coordinator we:

- Improve family awareness and understanding of the NG structure, its missions, goals, objectives, activities, and initiatives.
- Develop programs that improve and maintain the quality of life for the Guard member and their family.
- Inform active service members' families of the existence and nature of benefits and entitlement through all stages of the members career.
- Develop and train Family Readiness Groups
- Provide essential services to Guard families through all phases of mobilization, and during annual training periods, in designated Family Assistance Locations
- Encourage family members to participate in Volunteer programs, unit social, recreational and ceremonial events.



**We realized the big question is:
what can we build, so they will want to
participate . . . ?**



The military
cultivates



a culture of pride

& self-reliance



We have heard consistently that families matter . . .



This is leading us to explore pilot partnerships with:

- National Guard **Family** Services
Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program



- NH Office of Veterans Services **Vet to Vet** program



NH Office of Veterans & NH Corrections
NEW “**Diversions & Alternative
Sentencing**” program” for Vets



Department of Agriculture & the promotion of “Military Appreciation Days” at farm stands with added arts activities



Sunday, Oct. 3rd • 11:00 - 4:00

Our own Apple Crisp & Ice Cream (provided by Granite State Dairy Promotion)

- Exhibits • Activities
- Music & Games for the kids

Check our website for more info.

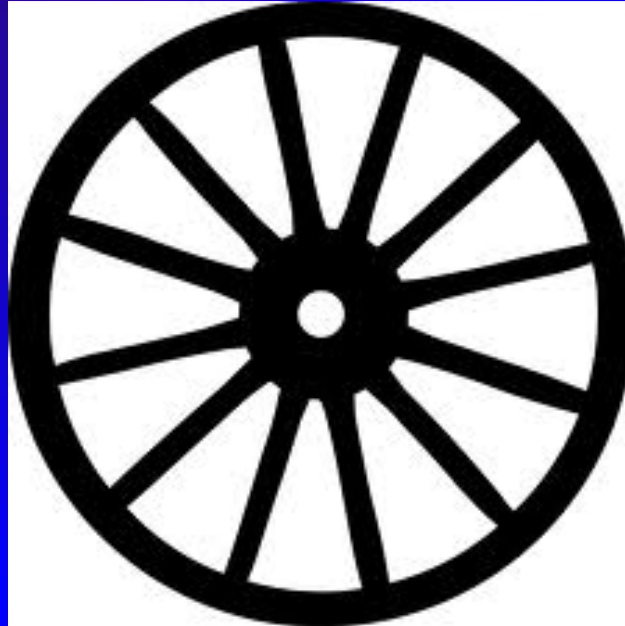
- Pick Them Yourself **Apples** - 7 varieties
- Weekend **Trailer Rides** into the Orchard



A small inset photograph showing a white trailer being pulled by a horse, with several people, including children, sitting on the trailer. The scene is outdoors, likely in a field or orchard.



- And . . . becoming an **Information Hub**



There's a big network out there to help ...

The arts can be part of it, because



is just not enough . . .