

Squires Meeting Minutes: 9/8/2022

Art Rosen chaired the luncheon as both Joe Watts and Garry Keane were away on personal business. The group came to order at noon. Paul Bidwell offered the "moment of reflection" after which Art announced the passing of Ted Brown. Ted was described as a quintessential New Englander with roots going back to the American Revolution. A moment of silence was offered for both Ted and for the victims of 9/11 whose anniversary will occur on the coming Sunday. A lunch of salad, salmon, and dessert was then served.

After lunch, Art introduced David Cole as a candidate for membership. David spoke briefly and was unanimously approved and inducted as a member of the Squires. Bill Helm, co-chair of the Program Committee, followed and introduced the day's speaker, Commander David Kenney (USN ret.). Commander Kenney is board chairman of the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery Association, a 40 year Navy veteran, and a graduate of both Franklin Pierce College and Northeastern University.

Commander Kenney's talk covered all aspects of the veteran's cemetery. Included was its facilities, interment eligibilities, and funding. Of particular interest was the role it plays in educating students about U.S. military history, and the statement of VA officials that it is the most attractive of all State veterans cemeteries.

After the talk, Dave Wood was asked to announce the program for October. Dave noted that it would be a dialogue between Don Catino and Eric Osterberg on the subject of climate control. As some in the audience know, Don holds views thought to be controversial by many. Art closed the luncheon advising all that Joe Watts would be back for the October luncheon and inviting everyone to join us for that meeting.

Art Rosen, Secretary