

VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Veterans Committee thanks the Shaftsbury Elementary School Community for their continued support by holding the Annual Memorial Day Remembrance at the school. The Remembrance was held on May 22, 2009. The Shaftsbury Elementary School Band, under the direction of Ms. Sue Green, once again performed with vigor and enthusiasm. The Veterans Committee always looks forward to the event as it is done with great respect for all veterans. All veterans are invited to attend. The 2010 Remembrance will take place at a time and date to be announced. Please try to attend and let the School Community show you how much they appreciate our veterans' service to our country.

We also thank the Shaftsbury Garden Club and the Gold Star Mothers for their continued service to our veterans by caring for the flowers in front of the Honor Roll and the Memorial Stone at Cole Hall. The Garden Club and the Gold Star Mothers, through their hard work and dedication, bring beauty to the Town's place of honor for all veterans.

We appreciate the efforts of Prue Electric of Bennington for replacing the flagpole ropes in front of Cole Hall, free of charge, and in time for Memorial Day.

The Veterans Committee was instrumental in honoring Samuel Slocum (1756-1827), a revolutionary War veteran buried in Center Shaftsbury Cemetery. The Vermont Society, Sons of the American Revolution recognition ceremony was held on April 25, 2009. In attendance were his family, Veterans Committee members, and representatives of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Memorial Day parade will be held in Shaftsbury this year and will take place on May 31, 2010, starting at 9:00 a.m. on Church Street. Lineup will begin at 8:30 a.m. Should you or your organization wish to be in the parade, please contact Jim Meskun at 802-442-2224.

Mark your calendars, and we will see you at the parade.

Respectfully submitted

James W. Meskun, Chairman