

BPOE LODGE #73 MEMBER HONORED

Honor Flight NE sends 57 local heroes to visit their war memorials in D.C.

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Eugene "Gino" McCarthy ~ Wareham-New Bedford Lodge #73 ~ Korean War Veteran

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In June of 2009, Honor Flight New England, a non profit group joined forces with Honor Flight Network (a national organization) and sent it's first senior Veterans to Washington to visit their memorials. The "allowed" selection at that time was limited to WWII Veterans and those that were terminally ill. In the spring of 2016, the field of candidates included Korean War Veterans. At that time our Lodge via our Social Media outlets encouraged Veterans that fit the appropriate criteria from our a Lodge and geographical area to apply.

The photo above was captured from the Boston 25 News video that was featured on the 6:30 pm broadcast on April 27, 2018 while they were traveling with the group in Washington. While being interviewed by Stephanie Coueignoux, Gino recounted some of his moments during this period and gave thanks to the organization who sponsored and provided the trip.

As one of the BPOE's mission statements "*SO LONG AS THERE ARE VETERANS, THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS WILL NEVER FORGET THEM*" this Lodge is proud to share this story. And to Gino and all Veterans, we say **THANK YOU!!**

Submitted by Ted Hatch, Social Media Committee