

## **2019 Spirit of America Winners:**

### **Town of Cushing: Daniel Remian**

Some of Daniel Remian's Community Service achievements are:

**Board of Assessors** from 2004-2018, including many years as Chair. Planning Board from 2005-2018 including many years as Chair. Treasurer of the Cushing Historical Society from 2003-2010. Disaster Preparedness Liaison for the Town of Cushing for the emergency use of amateur radios. Technical Resource for the Town of Cushing in matters ranging from the purchase and installation of the Town generator, to the expanding of the electrical system for the Cushing Historical Society barn.

Dan passed away on August 7, 2018 following an extended battle with pancreatic cancer. He continued to be active on the Board of Assessors and the Planning Board up until the time of his death.

### **Town of Owls Head: Richard Carver**

Richard Carver has served the Town of Owls Head on many Committees: Planning Board, Selectman, Town Council, Chair of the Solid Waste Committee and Harbor Committee (on which he is Chairman). Richard also was instrumental in securing a grant to build a municipal dock and overseeing the planning of it.

### **Town of Rockport: Maynard Tolman**

Maynard Tolman was born in the Tolman Family Homestead in Rockport on the Western end of Tolman Pond in 1933, and has lived his whole life here since, except three years in the military from 1952 through 1955.

He was educated in the Rockport schools and attended the University of Maine. He went to work for his father part-time in 1947, and took over the family general contractor business in 1966. He retired when he was eighty years old, after the death of his son; after 67 years in the business it became more than he could keep up with daily.

Maynard served three years each on the Rockport Select Board, the SAD 28 Board of Directors, and the Camden Hospital Board of Directors, finishing that stint on the Penobscot Bay Medical Center Board when the Camden and Rockland hospitals merged. He was a member of the Vestry at St. Thomas Episcopal Church for approximately 10 years. Maynard's other Community Service included over 30 years on the Rockport Building Committee, many years on the Budget Committee, three times on a Search Committee for Town Manager (all of which were very successful), Search Committee for Chiefs of Police (also successful). Most recently he served on the current Town Manager Search Committee. He was one of three people responsible for the Rockport Marine Park, a member of a Committee that managed to keep the sewer treatment plant off the waterfront by the Rockport Boat Club, a member of the Committee that helped the towns of Rockport and Camden form our school district, and many other Committees through the years.

Also, Maynard and a couple of his friends designed, constructed and donated the first footbridge to cross Goose River after many years with no bridge.

Maynard has children living here in town, three of whom own their own businesses; grandchildren (some, if all goes well, soon to have their own businesses), and many great grandchildren. Maynard's roots here go deep, and his branches spread wide.

### **Town of St. George: Sally Robinson Long**

Sally Robinson Long has been a longtime member of the Wiley's Corner Garage (St. George Grange) and Church. She has been a longstanding supporter of the St. George Fire & Ambulance Service. Sally is also a founding member of the Fireflies to her annual "Birthday Bash" fundraisers that she and her family have held every year since her 90th birthday.

Sally is well known for her quick wit and love of a good joke. She is the oldest living native of the Town, and beloved by the people of St. George.

### **Town of Thomaston: Beniah Harding**

Honoring the late Beniah Harding:

Ben was a Veteran of World War II, including the Normandy Invasion, and a friend to all.

Since coming to Thomaston in the Fall of 1948 Ben had been involved in many civic activities, including 21 years on the Thomaston School Board, a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Ben had been a member

of the Thomaston Federated Church since the 1950's and its historian for a number of years. He also had served as a Director of the Maine Good Roads Association, planned his town's bicentennial in the 1970's and was a member of the Thomaston Fourth of July Committee (serving as Parade Marshal with his wife in 1987 and again in 2012). From 1985-1988 Ben was the local representative to the Maine State Legislative Committee and voted for key education decisions. He was also a member of the former Maine Mid-Coast Route 1 Association, and both he and his wife produced the first booklet outlining the benefits of the MidCoast. Governor Longley appointed him to serve for 2 years on the Maine Public Labor Relations Board of Appeals. Ben spent 10 years as the Chairman of the Thomaston Senior Citizens Committee that met monthly at his Thomaston Federated Church. He was also a member and past President of the Rockland Rotary Club and a member of the 40 & 8, Voiture 427.

He, his wife Ida May, Betty Shesler and Isabell Wigglesworth formed The Friends of Montpelier to restore the Knox Mansion.

Ben initiated activities for the issuance of a postage stamp in honor of General Henry Knox, which was issued on July 25, 1985.

He was a Thomaston Academy Trustee and was instrumental in revitalizing the Thomaston Academy Building that now houses the town's Public Library and hosts other activities.

One of Ben's fondest honors was receiving the "Quilt of Valor", which was presented to him in cooperation with the Thomaston Historical Society & which he proudly displayed in his room.

### **Town of Union: Anita & Travis Brown**

The 2019 Union, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute Honors Anita Brown & Travis Brown for commendable Community Service.

**Anita** has served on the William Pullen Fund Committee and has served on the Aging in Place Committee in Union.

Anita & Travis have served for many years with the People's United Methodist Church.

**Travis** served on the Board of Selectmen and the Parks and Recreation Committee. Anita & Travis Brown are being recognized for their great achievements and honors they have brought upon this Community with the 2019 Union, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.

### **Town of Washington: Kathy & Steve Ocean**

Kathy & Steve Ocean have been an intricate part of the Washington Community for many years. **Kathy** was a Selectman for 6 years and is now the President of Gibbs Library. She served as a member of the Conservation Committee. Kathy has been a part of Gibbs Library working on Committees, being a member of the Board, and helping to keep the gardens looking lovely. As a local massage therapist she has donated her time and expertise as auction items to raise money for the Fire Department and Gibbs Library.

**Steve** had been on the Appeals Board until he had to step down so his wife could become Selectman. He is a member on the Planning Board, Chaired the Committee for the Land Use Ordinance regarding the Marijuana Moratorium, and is the School Liaison on the Recreation Committee.