

2021 Spirit of America Winners:

Town of Camden: Rotary Club of Camden

Rotary Club of Camden over the years has raised \$25,000 for Camden Snow Bowl, \$10,000 each for Camden Area Food Pantry, Camden Hills Regional High, LifeFlight of Maine, Midcoast Habitat for Humanity and \$4,000 for Meals on Wheels. The Club also has donated to many other charitable causes, distributed \$35,000 in college scholarships, organized annual 4th of July concert, and done so much more.

City of Rockland: Maine Lobster Festival

The Maine Lobster Festival is an internationally known celebration of seafood held annually in early August. The five-day event is full of culinary demonstrations, gourmet tastings, carnival rides, cooking contests and live music. The Festival also features a Sea Goddess coronation, an international lobster cate race, road races and an artisan fair. Especially popular is the Big Parade, whose participants includes local groups, businesses and nationally recognized guests.

Town of Warren: Warren Fire Department

The Warren Fire Department recently organized a benefit dinner to benefit Selectmen Peabody and also helped raise funds for the Morton Campaign. The Firefighters are on call 24/7, and spend countless hours in preparation training each year. Though their duties are challenging enough in normal times, these volunteers have faced additional personal risks and difficulties during the pandemic.

Town of Washington: Deborah Vannah

This person has been organizing and directing a great group of volunteers to provide an important service in our Town for almost 4 years. She is responsive to people's needs, and will help find other resources when needed. She is good with

the Board, pleasant and understanding. She uses money wisely for the purchasing of food, personal care items and pet food for families in need. She is reachable through email or phone to provide help when needed. The Unsung Hero Award of 2021 goes to Deborah Vannah who runs the Washington Food Pantry. Thank you Deb.

Town of Owls Head: Robert Hirsch

Robert Hirsch has served many years as Chair of Owls Head's Budget Committee, giving very dedicated service to his Town in that capacity.

Town of St. George: Raymond Emerson

Ray has been active in many Town organizations for more than thirty years, including municipal committees such as the Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Association, the Youth and Scouting Council and the American Legion. Thank you Ray, for your service to the Town of St. George.

Town of Union: Sherwood Hilt

Sherwood Hilt has served 45 years on the Union Fire Department, 20 plus years on the Union Rescue, and he has been involved in Boy Scouts 45 plus years.

Town of Cushing: Arthur Kiskila (Deceased)

Arthur was the Director of Emergency Management from 1972 to 2020, Chief of Cushing Fire Department from 1988 to 2019, Town Constable for 20 years and a Mentor to the Fire Community.