

New Bedford's Fort Taber Flag Honors U.S. Navy Veteran George P. Randall

During the month of June, the 45th Lights for Peace flag to fly at the Fort Taber – Fort Rodman Military Museum honors the memory of George Pierce Randall of Mattapoisett, who passed away on December 31, 2022 at the age of 93. George, who was affectionately called “Porgie,” served as a Machinist Apprentice in the United States Navy during the Korean War.

George was born on March 15, 1929 in New Bedford, MA, son of the late Jeremiah L. and Lillian I. (Ingalls) Randall. George called Mattapoisett his home and spent most of his life living and working in the town he loved. He enlisted in the United States Navy on August 21, 1950. Randall served a total of three years, nine months and 26 days, with the majority of his time spent either at sea or abroad. Upon completing duty, Randall was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Navy Occupation Service Medal with European clasp.

Throughout the years, George was employed as a farmer on the family farm, located on Randall Lane in Mattapoisett. He also worked as a logger, while living in Oregon, before coming back home to Mattapoisett and working as a long-distance truck driver. During his later years, he worked as a heavy equipment operator for the town of Mattapoisett until his retirement.

“Porgie” absolutely loved his hometown of Mattapoisett and was named “Mattapoisett Man of the Year” in 2007 by the Standard-Times. According to the article, Randall’s “biggest accomplishment that year was undoubtedly his successful fight to preserve the Mattapoisett town seal after a proposal from the selectmen to render it more historically and politically correct.” He felt it was important to maintain the original

town seal. "After researching the seal's history at the Town Hall, Mr. Randall spent days circulating a petition to preserve the seal; he wrote letters to the editor and bought a two-page ad in the local weekly citing his objections to the proposed change." The article was placed on the warrant for the Town Meeting and the town voted 124-26 to keep the seal as is.

Randall fought to preserve the history and hometown feel of the town he loved. "I can remember going down the wharf in a wagon with my father to load lambs for the Vineyard onto the Alice Wentworth, an old schooner that came into Mattapoisett all the time," he recalled. He explained that the changes taking place in the town were worrying him. "They keep raising taxes and the kids are moving out. Families that are here four or five generations and their kids have to go to Wareham to get a house. The old names in town are disappearing. My father used to sell land for \$10 an acre. 'How many acres you want?' he used to say. Not anymore. It's sad."

Randall was an active participant in town politics. "George never missed a Town Meeting or vote," explained Judy Anthony, a family friend who was quoted in a previous Standard-Times article. "Everything he does is for the good of the town. He has a heart bigger than himself. You may not agree with him, but he never does it for himself. He just loves Mattapoisett."

In fact, at the "young" age of 80, George P. Randall, he was elected Selectman of the town of Mattapoisett. His campaign slogan "Common man, common cause, common sense," earned him many supporters.

Randall's daughter, Marcia, recalled how her dad was proud to be a veteran. He was "honored to take part in Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies, where he would recite the Gettysburg Address from memory."

Randall was a lifetime member and Post Commander of the

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2982 in Fairhaven, a member of the American Legion Florence Eastman Post #280 and Fairhaven Post #166, John Day Elks Lodge #1824 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Lakeville. He was also a leader in the Agricultural Grange of Mattapoisett.

Survivors include his three daughters: Cheryl Randall-Mach and her husband Steven of Mattapoisett, Marcia Randall-Thorne and her husband Joseph of Egg Harbor, NJ and Cristal Medeiros and her husband Steven of Dartmouth; a sister, Eunice Stoleki of Sturbridge, 2 grandsons: Pierce Randall and Jack Medeiros; his Godchild, Valerie Nichols; and many nieces and nephews. He was the companion of the late Elaine Vandament and the brother of the late Lewis (Pat) Randall, Leonard Randall and Geraldine Stewart.

Linda Ferreira, of Empire Ford of New Bedford, researches the life histories of area residents. American flags are provided by Empire Ford of New Bedford. Flags are raised by the staff at Fort Taber – Fort Rodman Military Museum. Those who would like to honor a local veteran in the future can contact Ferreira at lferreira@buyempireautogroup.com.

Sorbae Frozen Treats Announces Grand Opening of New Location in New Bedford

Sorbae Frozen Treats is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated grand opening of its new location at 1353 Purchase Street in New Bedford, MA. The event will take place on Sunday 6/11 from 12pm to 8pm. The celebration is kicking off with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday June 7th at 2pm, marking

an

exciting milestone for the dairy-free and vegan-friendly establishment.

Sorbae Frozen Treats has gained a reputation for its delectable frozen pops, offering a wide array of flavors that draw inspiration from Brazil and other parts of the world. As a pioneer in the dairy-free frozen desserts industry, Sorbae Frozen Treats aims to infuse more vibrancy and flavor into the landscape.

Driven by a love for ice cream, a passion for hospitality, and the enjoyment of learning, New Bedford native and owner, Monica Ferracioli, leads Sorbae Frozen Treats in their pursuit of expanding the accessibility of dairy-free options. Handcrafted in small batches using quality ingredients, their naturally vegan products, many of which are also gluten-free, are inspired by a global fusion of flavors.

Highlighting the grand opening, Sorbae Frozen Treats is proud to introduce a delightful new product inspired by the renowned gelato panini of Italy. This adapted version, dubbed the “Bae Bun”, features a luscious vegan brioche bun filled with the signature Sorbae Frozen Dessert. Customers can customize their experience by choosing from a selection of mouthwatering toppings such as apple pie, passion fruit, or strawberry. The creation is then lightly toasted, resulting in a warm, fluffy exterior paired with a cool and flavorful filling – a hot/cold sensory contrasting experience! **Stop in this Sunday during the grand opening for product samples, face painting, raffles and door prizes!**



"We are excited and honored to open our doors in my hometown New Bedford and share our mission of bringing people together through culturally inspired flavors," said Monica Ferracioli, the passionate owner of Sorbae Frozen Treats. "By creating products that resonate with our customers or provide them with a unique and uplifting experience, we are dedicated to building connections and celebrate the shared joy found in sweet, comforting frozen treats"

For more information about Sorbae Frozen Treats and the grand opening event, please visit www.sorbaefrozentreats.com or follow **Sorbae Frozen Treats** on Facebook and Instagram: @Sorbae_frozentreats and you can **RSVP for their Grand opening event here:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/935064644412560>

About Sorbae Frozen Treats:

Sorbae Frozen Treats is a leading dairy-free and vegan-friendly establishment, offering a delightful variety of frozen pops inspired by flavors from Brazil and around the world. With a mission to recreate flavors that resonate within their customers or provide a unique and uplifting experience, Sorbae Frozen Treats handcrafts their treats in small batches using quality ingredients. These naturally vegan products, many of which are gluten-free, create a culturally inspired fusion of flavors with the mission of bringing people together. Hours this week are as follows: Wed-Fri: 2-7, Sat 3-8, Sun 12-8 closed Monday and Tuesday, but that will likely change once Summer starts!



Massachusetts bear goes on sugar rampage “murders” 60 cupcakes and coconut cakes

With the arrival of spring, bears waking up after a few months hibernating and hungry, have been spotted throughout New England and in many cases capturing the attention of photographers and on occasion, the news.

A little more than a week ago, the greater New Bedford area had a bear that became a celebrity of sorts as he traveled through people's yards looking for something to ease his hunger pangs. Initially, people were a bit worried if the bear would present a danger, but as he moved from Fall River, Westport, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Rochester, and Wareham it was apparent that the bear was not aggressive and, in fact, was more scared of humans than we were of him or her.



Taste by Spellbound photo.

That's when the worst element of people came out: people wanted a photo opportunity so would pull out their phones and cameras in attempts to snap a shot. One person even filmed themselves chasing the bear down the street in their car.

A few days ago, bearmania came to an end. And another bear stole the headlines.

"We have a loading garage in the back of our Avon shop for our Transit. Maureen was loading it with the last items before I

was to leave. She was on the West Hartford side of the van, looked up and saw a bear staring at her from the South Windsor side. All the sudden we hear her screaming bloody murder and then yelling "there's a bear in garage!"



Taste by Spellbound photo.

She ran into the kitchen as fast as she could and slammed the door that goes into the loading area and held it tight. The

bear then MOVED one of our fridges in front of the door.

We all were stunned for a second trying to figure out what to do while she held the door shut. I immediately called 911. Lisa then had a brilliant idea to go out the front and get in her car to drive around back and she started beeping her horn like a crazy person. She finally got him out and Maureen ran to the garage to close it as fast as she could.

The cops showed up and our landlord has been working with DEEP. The bear destroyed 60 cupcakes a bunch of coconut cake. And that folks, is the bear story. I'm so thankful Maureen was safe wasn't hurt, as well as the rest of the team."-Taste by Spellbound.

Video by Taste by Spellbound:

South Coast Swim to Offer Classes in Fairhaven Starting in June

Would you like to learn how to swim? Do you have a child that needs instruction? **South Coast Swim** can help! Classes are for kids or adults.

Classes are enrolling now and will run throughout the summer. All instruction is being done at the Seaport Inn, in Fairhaven at their indoor pool.

You can sign up online: <https://www.southcoastswim.com/> Just fill out the form to get started. The cost is \$150 for ten lessons from trained, certified instructor.



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East Coast Dental Tech Offers an Affordable Education and Path to Success

East Coast Dental Tech is a New England based Dental Technical School providing blended instruction to a diverse group of students eager to enter the Dental Field. Not everyone can commit 2-4years to college... So, East Coast Dental Tech in Raynham, MA offers an alternative, Dental Assisting.



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Southern Massachusetts Credit Unions and Businesses Unite to Build Beds for Children in Need

On Saturday, May 20, a collaborative effort by local businesses resulted in the construction of 30 beds for children in need, supporting the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless' A Bed for Every Child initiative. The Coalition's mission through this initiative is to address the needs of children by providing them with free, newly-crafted beds and a place to dream, bridging the gap in their lives. The dedicated volunteers spent the afternoon sanding and assembling the beds, which will be distributed locally. Additionally, they donated new twin sheets, stuffed animals, and books to ensure a comfortable and restful night's sleep for the children.

Thank you to all the businesses and volunteers who made this event a resounding success: Wipfli, Alloya Investment Services, and the CCUA Southern Mass. Chapter of Credit Unions, including Alltrust Credit Union, Goldmark Federal Credit Union, Somerset Federal Credit Union, St. Anne's Credit Union, Westport Credit Union, and Taunton Federal Credit Union (host of the event). Special appreciation is also extended to all other contributors who generously donated to the cause.

Moreover, notable acknowledgment goes to All Washed Up Pressure Washing of Taunton, MA for providing their warehouse as a workspace for the volunteers during the event.

“The Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and their A Bed for Every Child initiative are instrumental in raising awareness and support to provide free new beds for children in need throughout Massachusetts. We have been supporting them in various capacities over the years and we fondly remember the positive feedback we received from volunteers and the profound impact this initiative had on our local area when St. Anne’s Credit Union last hosted it in 2019,” stated Peter Panaggio, Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer of St. Anne’s Credit Union and Massachusetts Credit Unions Social Responsibility Committee member. “Massachusetts Credit Unions have been steadfast supporters of the Coalition for over two decades, contributing more than \$2.8 million in donations and providing blankets, toys, and books to help families in need. The 30 beds constructed will be distributed within our own community, making a tangible difference in these children’s lives. We firmly believe in the admirable work of the Coalition and are delighted to contribute as a united force in providing local children with improved education and, ultimately, a brighter future.”

BayCoast “Angels” Surprise Local Nursing Students with Scholarships

Imagine you are a student, asked to attend an important meeting, only to discover that meeting offered a surprise so

unexpected, it would dramatically change your life forever.

That's exactly what happened at Signature Healthcare's Brockton Hospital School of Nursing (SH/BHSON) in Brockton, MA. During an emotional presentation in January of 2022, BayCoast Bank awarded seven nursing students from Fall River and New Bedford, each with a \$10,000 scholarship to help pay for their education at the prestigious nursing school.

"We had no idea this was happening," said Raylyn Gant of Fall River. "We received an email saying we had to go to a mandatory meeting. This was a big surprise."

Students selected for these generous awards have experienced unique challenges in their pursuit of a quality education. Dean of SH/BHSON, Jean Gouveia states, "The majority of our students come to us with significant financial need. Many are parents and single parents looking for a career pathway to achieve financial security for themselves and their families."

There wasn't a dry eye in the room when each recipient came forward to accept their scholarship and share their personal stories, along with their heartfelt gratitude.

"I'm the first one to go to college from my household," said Ashley Del Rio of New Bedford. "College means a lot to me. I work to pay for everything on my own. This scholarship means so much. I truly thank you from the bottom of my heart."

For Gant, she has a very personal reason for aspiring to become a nurse. "My older brother was born with special needs and the doctor told my mother he wouldn't survive past three months. He's now 31, and he inspires me every day." The scholarship, Gant says, will help her pursue her dream of becoming a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) nurse. "This means the world to me. I have been so stressed about paying for school. This is amazing."

The scholarship opportunity evolved after SH/BHSON reached out

to BayCoast, asking if the Bank could assist talented students who were experiencing financial difficulties. After hearing their moving stories, BayCoast was delighted to step in and offer generous support.

The assistance didn't stop there. Ten months later in November of 2022, the students were surprised with a second round of scholarships to help cover the cost of their final year in the program.

"The BayCoast angels strike again," said nursing student Christine Farland. "I have yet again been blessed with your scholarship. My burden has been lifted and I am so grateful. I appreciate it more than you will ever know."

For Laurel Perez, receiving this second scholarship has left her overcome with emotion. "What an absolute honor it is for me to be able to write another thank you letter. For someone like me who was really struggling, this is yet another big change of a lifetime. To know this scholarship has paid off my balance for the rest of the school year moves me. My family and I couldn't be more grateful."

"BayCoast Bank has a strong history of supporting education on the South Coast," said Nicholas M. Christ, President and CEO of BayCoast Bank. "This gift highlights two key areas where we endeavor to make a difference – education and healthcare. Achieving a nursing degree will not only help these students support themselves and their families, but it will also benefit our healthcare system and the local residents it serves."

Additional members of BayCoast Bank expressed their best wishes to the scholarship recipients, offering words of inspiration.

"You have experienced struggles, but I want you to know, you are not alone," said Evelyn Ranone, FVP, CRA Officer for BayCoast Bank. "I am so honored to work at BayCoast Bank

because it is in moments like these where we can help make an impact on people's lives. We are thrilled to help you achieve your goals because we know your nursing degrees will not only help your families, but also help the people in your communities."

Adds Del Rio, "When Evelyn announced that we were going to be receiving another scholarship... my eyes filled with tears at the thought of the people at BayCoast being so generous to someone like me. I cannot tell you the relief I feel not having to worry about working overtime every day to pay for everything. If it wasn't for your generosity, I would not be where I am today."

Brockton Hospital School of Nursing is an integral part of Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital. Originally established in 1897, the school has been at the forefront of nursing education and has graduated over 2,700 nurses, mainly from southeastern Massachusetts.

It is the only two-year Registered Nurse (RN) Diploma school that still exists on a hospital campus anywhere in New England.

"We thank you for investing in our nursing students," said Lisa Pedranti, Manager of Annual Giving at SH/BHSON. "You are helping to craft intelligent and driven caregivers that we will all rely on in our future!"

"We congratulate these very deserving students," said Christ. "There are very few professions in life that are more noble. We are honored to help you and we wish you the best of luck."



New Bedford's "The Baker" coming to Fairhaven as "Olivia's"

Great news for Fairhavenites that venture downtown New Bedford to get some of the best, most delicious breakfast, lunch, and coffee in the area. The Baker at 562 Pleasant Street next to the New Bedford Police Station and New Bedford Free Library has been an extremely popular destination for many in the Greater New Bedford area because of the incredible quality and care that the put into the ingredients and mouth-watering concoctions.

The Baker made an announcement on their Facebook Page on Monday:

"Coming late summer 2023: Olivia's!

Come see what's happening at Olivia's Restaurant Fairhaven as I bring this vision of a neighborhood eatery and bar to life at the old Elisabeth's on Middle Street.

#oliviasfairhaven #finefoodanddrink
#neighborhoodrestaurant #fairhavenma #newrestaurant
#letsgo"-The Baker.

It's still early in the process, but we suspect in the coming days and weeks we'll get updates on what the menu looks like and whether some of our favorites will be on it, or there will be entirely new creations.

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Child & Family Services Inc. to Host Annual Gala on May 20th at White's of Westport

Did you know that Child & Family Services is one of the oldest nonprofit organizations in Southeastern Massachusetts. They began as the New Bedford Orphans' Home in 1843 to help children left homeless and without families during the whaling era. **This year they celebrate 180 years of service to our local community and you can help them continue the mission by attending their upcoming Gala Event:** <https://child-familyservices.org/2023gala/> Enjoy a night of fine food, dancing and a grand prize raffle!



Let's take a trip down memory lane for some insights on this amazing organization.

Child & Family Services Inc. began as the New Bedford Orphans' Home in 1843 to help children left homeless and without families during the whaling era. There were children without parents, orphaned by mothers who died and by fathers lost at sea. There were children left to beg on the streets, often forced to steal to seek out their paltry existence.

Through continued fund raising, collaboration with other service agencies and the support of the community, the New Bedford Orphans' Home weathered the last part of the 19th century and more importantly, was a good "friend" to homeless children.



Rebecca Waln Morgan Rodman, founding first directress of the New Bedford Orphans' Home. Portrait by an unidentified artist, circa 1830. *Courtesy of the New Bedford Whaling Museum.*

"The purpose of the New Bedford Child and Family Service is to strengthen family life. Counseling service is available to any family or individual with a family difficulty or personal problem. The Agency provides also temporary foster home care

and adoption placement of children.”



In the 1970s, the agency added Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater New Bedford to our services. In 1980, the agency opened a mental health clinic and family support office in Fall River. In 1995 another was added on Cape Cod in Hyannis.



By 1999, their geographic footprint extended well beyond the borders of New Bedford. To signify this fact, the board voted to officially change the agency's name from New Bedford Child & Family Service to simply **Child & Family Services**.



Through counseling, prevention programs, family support and psychiatry services, we are able to keep the commitment we first made in 1843 of helping those in need. Their mission remains: "...to heal and strengthen the lives of children and families." Events throughout the year like their annual Bowl-a-Thon bring the community together and help raise awareness of the services provided.



Whether it is children exposed to abuse or violence, families coping with mental illness, or matching children with mentors or loving adoptive families, Child & Family Services is there to support, guide and heal. The agency's programs serve more than 17,000 people each year-including individuals and families facing some of life's most distressing challenges. Behind each program are dedicated staff who offer light and guidance to those in need during their darkest hours, in the hope to strengthen them for better times.

How can you help? Attend their fundraiser, volunteer your time, help raise awareness for their programs or have a local business sponsor the event:
<https://child-familyservices.org/gala-sponsors/> **Or, maybe you'd like to work for them:**
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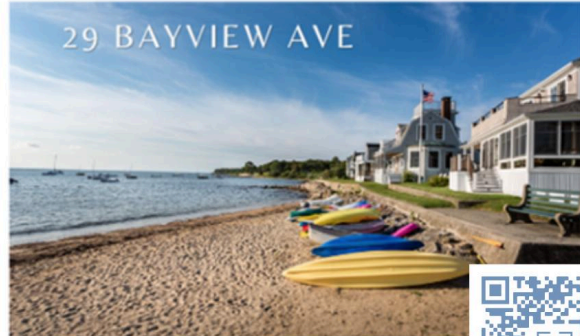
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