



This past Memorial Day, the Chittenden Historical Society revived an old town tradition by honoring our veterans and offering lunch to Chittenden residents.

Over 100 townsfolk gathered for the noontime event on the common at the Grange Hall. The program was packed with activities. A short ceremony featured the dedication of the memorial stone for Royal S. Baird, who was shot down over Guam in 1944, by his nephew Bob Baird. Other speakers were Sgt. Mickey Carvey of the National Guard and Dave Sargent.

The Vermont National Guard, assisted by the local den of Cub Scouts and Brownie Scouts and their leaders, provided a color guard and short parade.

For lunch Bob and Teenie Bearor graciously donated hamburgers, hotdogs and sodas, and the Historical Society supplied the salads, chips, beverages and cookies under the large tent.

Many townspeople worked together to make the day successful - from the placing of the flag pole and the stone, to the National Guard's help in supplying tables and chairs and color guard, to the Cub Scouts and Brownies, the speakers, to the loan of the tent, for the sound system and podium, for the cookie bakers and salad makers, for parking the cars... the list goes on.

The day also gave townspeople the opportunity to see the renovation project taking place at the Grange Hall. On completion of renovations, the Grange Hall will become a community cultural and recreational center.