



Proud grandfather Frank Haley with his granddaughters Mariah (in back), Katelin (l), and Shannon Haley.

Frank Haley Tops \$5,000 In Fundraising For Blind Awareness

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For the Beacon

Frank Haley was honored on June 5 at the Blind Awareness Walk in Concord. Not only did Frank win the trophy again this year for raising the most donations for an individual, but he was given a special plaque honoring him for his dedication to Blind Awareness and the services it provides the blind community.

For six out of seven of the years he has been walking in this event, Frank

has brought home the trophy for being the individual who raised the most money. His goal this year was to top all the years previous, and he did that with some to spare. His total for this year was over \$5,000, bringing the total he has raised for the event to \$21,113.

Frank's wife Ann; his granddaughters Mariah, Shannon, and Kate; and two of his daughters-in-law, Norma and Vickie Haley, walked with him

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Cam Wood Addresses Memorial Day Gathering

On Memorial Day, residents of the New Hampshire Veterans Home (NHVH) were joined by family, friends, and special guests as they gathered in their Town Hall to honor deceased soldiers. Boy Scout and Tilton School student Cameron Wood of Andover was one of those asked to present a Memorial Day message at the gathering.

"It's a very brave and loyal person who is willing to leave their family and fight for our country without hesitation," he said.

Cam sees that commitment of the servicemen and the support of the families left behind through his friend, whose father is serving in Iraq. In his Memorial Day message, Cam recalled the history of Memorial Day and commented, "To me, Memorial Day is a day to remember those who have sacrificed their lives in a war so I can live in a country where I am free to be whatever I want to be." Cam's grandfather was a US Navy veteran who served on the USS Cabot, an aircraft carrier, during the Korean War.

Cam also announced that his upcoming Eagle Scout project will be the construction of two wheelchair-



Cam Wood spoke at the Memorial Day gathering at the NH Veterans Home.

Photo: Karen Frink

accessible picnic tables and wooden flower boxes for residents of NHVH to enjoy.

Other speakers included state representative Patrick Garrity, who delivered the Memorial Day address as a veteran himself and thanked the NHVH for the care his father, a World War II and Korean veteran, received until his death a year ago.

Peg Hodes read a letter from US representative Paul Hodes in which he said that since the beginning of our nation, citizens have answered the call to protect and serve.

A proclamation from Governor John Lynch was also read, in which he encouraged all residents to display the colors of the nation and reflect on the meaning of the day.

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