



Our President, Rich Gulla, was featured this Veterans Day weekend in the Union Leader with the article below: "An Opportunity is One of the Best Ways to Thank a Veteran."
Read the article below:

On this Veteran's Day, it is only fitting to take a moment to honor and remember our nation's veterans. We pay our respects to all those who have selflessly served our country, acknowledging the immense debt of gratitude we owe them for safeguarding our freedoms. Equally important, however, is our commitment to ensuring a smooth transition for veterans back into civilian life. The most meaningful way to express our gratitude is by offering them employment opportunities.

As a labor leader with the privilege of having numerous veterans among our staff at the State Employees' Association, I have witnessed firsthand the invaluable contributions veterans bring to the workforce. They carry skills honed in challenging and transformative circumstances, exemplify leadership qualities to tackle obstacles, and even inject humor into challenging situations. Whether they served in the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, or the emerging Space Force, veterans bring unique experiences and practical wisdom to their roles.

At the SEA, we are excited to announce the establishment of a Veterans Committee, a dedicated effort to engage New Hampshire veterans and their supporters. These honorable veterans have already made a positive impact in our state, distributing Meals Ready-to-Eat (MREs) to homeless veterans, participating in wreath-laying ceremonies at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawren, and actively engaging with organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution. They are also enthusiastic about supporting New Hampshire's American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission.

If you're interested in joining the Veterans Group at the SEA or learning more about their initiatives, please contact our Political Director and Iraq War Veteran, Cullen Tiernan, at ctiernan@seiu1984.org or our Organizing Manager and fellow Marine Justin Jardine, at jjardine@seiu1984.org.

This Veteran's Day, let us move beyond mere words of gratitude and collectively commit to hiring veterans. It is our shared responsibility to ensure they receive the support they deserve during their transition to civilian life. By providing them with the wages and benefits they need, we will contribute to a stronger and more resilient nation.

SEA President, Rich Gulla