

THE BEDFORD CITIZEN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

MARCH 29, 2016

Bedford will be represented in the Walk for Veterans through downtown Concord on April 8th. Leading the Walk will be American Legion National Commander Dale Barnett and Department Commander Louie Brault.

“The purpose of this Walk is to raise public awareness about the crucial issues facing America’s veterans and their families,” said Department Commander Louie Brault. “An estimated 22 veterans a day commit suicide. Traumatic brain injuries have become a signature wound of the Global War on Terrorism and up to 20 percent of the men and women who served in Iraq or Afghanistan are believed to experience Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Veterans still have difficulty receiving health care in a timely manner and many have been waiting years to have their disability claims resolved. We owe it to those who served our country to never forget their sacrifice and devotion. We are walking for those who marched for us.”

The Walk will begin at noon on April 8th. The length of the walk is 2.5 miles and will start by Meriams Corner near the intersection of Lexington Rd and Old Bedford Rd in Concord and end at Minuteman National Historical Park

Some of the proceeds will benefit The American Legion National Emergency Fund, which has provided more than \$8 million of assistance to American Legion Family members and posts that have been impacted by natural disasters in communities across the country since 1969.

The registration fee is \$10 in advance or \$15 day of and will include a t-shirt. Also participating in the walk will be Numerous National Guard and Government Individuals

Jon (O.C.) O’Connor
Commander of Bedford’s Anthony Hunt Hamilton American Legion Post 221

About The American Legion

The nation’s largest wartime veteran’s organization, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans care and rehabilitation, Americanism and youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through nearly 14,000 posts across the nation.
www.Legion.org

For more information about The American Legion Walk for Veterans or to register, please visit:
www.masslegion.org or call 413-786-1343.