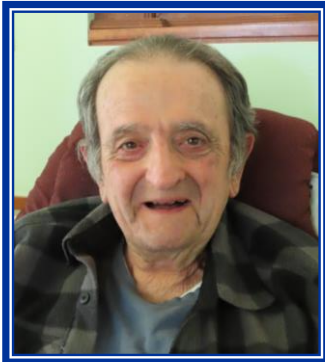




## New Hampshire Veterans Home

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### James "Jim" Torres *Resident Spotlight*

It is with great pleasure and honor that we present Jim in our Resident Spotlight. Jim joined us here at the New Hampshire Veteran's Home (NHVH) in December of 2016 and is currently residing on our John Stark neighborhood. Jim proudly represents the U.S. Navy, having served from February of 1953, through January of 1957.

As a young boy, and to this day, Jim is fascinated with weather and the stars. So, he was a perfect fit for his billet as an Aerographer's Mate aboard the USS Salisbury Sound during the Korean War. For his service, he was awarded three medals! These were the National Defense Service medal, Korea Defense Service medal and the Good Conduct medal.



But Jim's service is only a single puzzle piece of his story. He was born in the summer of 1933, in Marlborough, Massachusetts. Laughingly, he claimed that he and his two sisters were kept busy and out-of-trouble, 'mostly', by helping on their family farm.

After separating from the Navy, with an Honorable Discharge, Jim lived, worked and attended college in Franklin, Massachusetts. He earned his business degree and a position with Allied Corporation as their Department Store Buyer. Throughout the years, his role included purchasing for such familiar chains as Jordan Marsh, Levi Strauss and Macy's.

During this time, Jim also met and married, Vita Marie, a teacher, on July 18, 1964, in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. In April 1973, while living in Connecticut, they welcomed their daughter, Sarah. Sarah is now married and has a teenaged son, Asher. Though they retired and moved to Gilford, New Hampshire, Jim and Vita returned often to attend many of Asher's sporting events including baseball, hockey and soccer.

Looking back, Jim claims his fondest memories are watching his daughter and grandson growing-up, Thanksgiving as a boy with his family up in Portland, Maine, going hunting with his cousins, playing semi-pro football, skiing and sailing off Long Island.

Here at the NHVH, Jim has also enriched our community by humorously engaging with his neighbors at various activities, including playing pool, Bingo, oil painting and adaptive cycling. Jim also enjoys quiet, contemplative time; bird watching; playing crossword puzzles; and flipping through illustrated books.

*It is our pleasure and honor to spotlight Jim Torres, a valued member of the NHVH community.*

