



## Plaque Dedicated in Gilmanton

A feature of Gilmanton's 79th Old Home Day was the dedication of a plaque, honoring the veterans of the Vietnam period added to the plaques already at Smith Meeting House which carry the names of veterans of earlier wars who went to the service from the town. Daniel Webster, second from right, commander of the Ellis-Geddes-Leavitt American Legion Post unveiled the plaque, and Col. Wilfred

Emond USA Ret., right, acted as master of ceremonies. Col. Harry Besse, USAFR, second from left, gave the address, and Col. John P. Edgerly, USA Ret., left, joining the other dignitaries, was recognized for his service. Col. Edgerly, who completed elementary school at Smith Meeting House School in 1902, is listed among veterans from Gilmanton of World Wars I and II.

# Town Honors Vietnam Veterans

GILMANTON—Gilmanton's 79th Old Home Day opened Saturday morning with a flag raising, and dedication of another plaque on the monument recognizing Gilmanton veterans of the nation's wars.

To plaques carrying names of veterans of the earlier wars was added a plaque with name of Vietnam Era veterans, those who served between 1964 and 1973.

Unveiling of the plaque was

done by Daniel Webster, commander of the Ellis-Geddes-Leavitt American Legion Post, with the assistance of Donna Morse and Pam Ralls, members of the Junior American Legion Auxiliary.

Col. Harry Besse, USAFR, offered the invocation and gave the dedicatory address. Col. Wilfred A. Emond, USA Ret., acted as master of ceremonies.

Among the spectators of the unveiling was Col. John P. Edgerly Ret., USA and Col. Emond called Col. Edgerly forward to recognize his service. Col. Edgerly's name appears on earlier plaques commemorating

for World War I and World War II. Summarizing Col. Edgerly's service, Col. Emond noted that he had graduated from the Smith Meeting House School in 1902, and that during his time as a pupil there had been one of the number who erected the first flag pole at the school.

Veterans whose names were officially added to the town's roll of honor Saturday were Dennis J. Boucher, Peter J. Casey, Alfred G. Emond, John A. Emond, George S. Forsyth, Michael S. Forsyth, Stefanie Ann Geddes, Donald P. Hiltz, Glenn G. Hyslop, John T. Hyslop, Willis E. Hyslop, Glenn Lines, Nicholas W.H. North, Judson J. Scoville,