

Special Program on the history of the Laconia Ground Observer Corps

On Monday January 28th at 7:00 pm, Warren D. Huse will present the "Laconia Ground Observer Corps, Post Delta Papa 33 Black." During a period of heightened Civil Defense during the Cold War, in the mid-1950s, volunteers spent many hours spotting aircraft from a tower on Taylor Street, Laconia. The task brought together scores of local residents of all ages and from all walks of life, under the supervision of the local Air Force recruiter, but linked by telephone to a "Filter Center" in Manchester where reports of aircraft were evaluated and, had there been an enemy attack, action would have been coordinated. Former observers will be on hand at the talk to recount their memories of the GOC and its personnel, supplemented with available photographs via PowerPoint.

For more information on this program you may contact Jennifer Carroll-Plante at 527-1278 or email lhmslpl@metrocast.net. The program will be held in Laconia Rotary Hall of the Laconia Public Library, at 695 North Main Street in downtown Laconia, across from Veterans Square. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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