



## Trail Crew Alumni Association Update

Updates for alumni and current crew.

April 2017 (Sorry it's late!)

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Sherman Adams

### Sherman Adams

(January 8, 1899 - October 27, 1986)

Sherman Adams was an American politician, best known as White House Chief of Staff for President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the culmination of an 18-year political career that also included a stint as Governor of New Hampshire.

Sherman Adams was also on the first Trail Crew in 1919 and its first Trail Master.

Born in Vermont, Adams was educated in Rhode Island public schools. He received an undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College (1920), having taken time off briefly for a six-month World War I stint in the United States Marine Corps. After graduation he went into the lumber business, first in Vermont (1921), then to a combined lumber and paper business in Lincoln, New Hampshire. He also was involved in banking.

From letters he wrote, we learn a bit about what life was like on Crew at the time...

Letter dated May 22, 1919  
(on Dartmouth College letterhead)

*taking a gang up in the green mountains of Vermont the end of next week going to do sterling-mansfield smugglers notch, bolton, and camels hump we auto have a pretty smooth time, glee club concert saturday night landed a a-1 job with the appalachian mountain club of boston this summer working on the trails*



Sherman Adams on  
Artists Bluff

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*in the white mountains you auto come up and  
camp out a bit with me, gotta go down street and  
get my pants pressed*

Letter, Summer 1919  
Dear Mother,

*Through no fault of your own, your letters  
reached me. In the first place I'm not at the Mt.  
Adams, and in the second place, North  
Woodstock according to frye's geography is in  
New Hampshire. Should you care to have it  
removed to Vermont perhaps I can have it  
arranged.*

*I'm having a very grand time, though the boys  
complain somewhat that the work is rather  
rigorous though there has as yet been no  
complaint about the cooking. Cooking rather  
appeals to my artistic temperament, I think. We  
come to this very poor apology of a hotel every  
week end for Sunday's rest and I have developed  
the admirable habit of attending morning  
worship regularly -- perhaps it relieves my  
conscience for the terrible amount of cussing I do  
during the week. We have finished the East side  
-- Osseo to Lafayette and thence to Garfield and  
the North Twin. Today we cleaned up Cannon  
and the Lonesome Lake district, and next week  
we cut new trail from South Kinsman to Lost  
River. It hasn't been too hot to enjoy oneself and  
occasionally it gets uncomfortably cool.*

*The smoothest country in the White Mountains  
except for the Presidential Range is just five  
miles from here -- flume -- Liberty -- Haystack --  
Lincoln -- Lafayette -- Profile -- Cannon -  
Kinsman etc.*

Sherman Adams had a marvelous way with words  
and a sense of humor that is often evident.

--Bob Watts  
Trail Crew Historian  
Trail Crew 1952-55

**Looking back at reunion and beyond...**

At last year's reunion **Alan Thorndike** showed up for what I just figured out was his 50th anniversary of his last year on crew!

--Mark Dannenhauer, Trail Crew 1966-1969

To read Al's 1966 Appalachia article reviewing that year's Trail Crew efforts, click here:  
<http://nebula.wsimg.com/ee88ccd31f1b93ac559c00ed536518f2?AccessKeyId=099C2391A7856C53B7A4&disposition=o&alloworigin=1>

**Annual Reunion - Plan to attend!  
 Saturday, November 11th, 2017**



It's not too early to make a reservation at Joe Dodge Lodge -  
**Group Reservation # 348887**  
**Call Pinkham at 603/466-2727.**  
 Room rate (bunk room) is \$58 pp/night includes dinner and breakfast.

**Do you have dreams of being a writer?  
 Do you have a Trail Crew story you just have to share?**  
 Soliciting articles for this newsletter and Chips & Clippings!  
 Contact Barbara Whiton at [bwhiton@maine.rr.com](mailto:bwhiton@maine.rr.com)

**Thank you to all alumni who have recently paid their dues!**

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 Washington, VT 05675  
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**If you have not already sent your dues or paid on-line,  
 please make payment now!**  
**We can not maintain the cabin and  
 other association activities without your contribution.**

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