Town of Wallingford Memorial Day Commemorations 2023 In Honor of our Fallen Soldiers



Sunday, May 28, 2023

Interfaith Memorial Day Service 7 pm Most Holy Trinity Church 68 North Colony Road Wallingford PUBLIC IS INVITED

Monday, May 29, 2023

9 am *Service at Dutton Park*

Immediately followed by MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



For more information contact Wallingford Veterans Memorial Committee at vmcsecretary@comcast.net or 203-605-8580.

Parade Route – Steps off from Dutton Park; south on North Main Street, ending at the Wallingford Town Hall. En route, wreathes will be placed at monuments in front of the Police Station, Post Office, and the Town Hall.

ALL GAVE SOME - SOME GAVE ALL

The Wallingford Memorial Day Program for the Commemoration of the Men and Women of the Town of Wallingford and those across the nation, who died in the Military Service of our Country or who were confined to Military Hospitals for their Lifetime.

PROGRAM - Monday MAY 29, 2023

Master of Ceremonies: George Messier: Prologue

Invocation: Rev. Andres Mendoza Floyd, Pastor, The Most Holy Trinity Church

National Anthem: Lisa Zolkiewicz-Ives Soloist accompanied by Lyman Hall High School Band

Opening Remarks and Introduction Of Guests

Introduction of Parade Marshall: David Gessert, SGT, US Army Veteran

Guest Speaker - Honorable William W. Dickinson Jr., Mayor of Wallingford

Placing of the Wreath by Gold Star Sister, LTC Rosemary DeAngelis USA

Wallingford Police Department Rifle Squad will commence with a Volley

Taps by Lyman Hall High School Trumpeters'

Amazing Grace: David Gade, Wallingford Fire Department Piper

God Bless America: Vocalist Lisa Zolkiewicz - Ives

Closing Prayer: Rev. Andres Mendoza Floyd, Pastor, The Most Holy Trinity Church

MC Closing remarks & Retire the Colors

The Wallingford Veterans Memorial Committee

2023 Chairpersons – Ruth Palmer & Douglas Newell Secretary – Elise M. Gallup 2023 Parade Marshall – David Gessert, SGT, US Army Wallingford Public Celebrations Committee Rosalind Gallagher Contact: @ veteransmemorialcommittee

WALLINGFORD MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE MAY 29, 2023



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1955 WE REMEMBER



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In grateful memory of those from Wallingford, who Died in the military service of our country.

George Bailey Arthur Dutton Patrick Condon Bernard Dougherty Edward Early Thomas Lynch William Moore Samuel Richards

Arthur J. Brow

Felex W. Clark

George Daley

Nelson Hitchcock

Harry R. Hubbell

Stanley D. Hunt

George C. Kattenhorn

Harold Ives

Joseph Arujo

William Bartek

Henry Blaski

John Buffum

Albert Canelli

James Daly

Emil Doehr

John DeNigris

Charles Dunn

Manual Esteeves

Thomas Collins

Stanley Budleski

George Burghardt William Buschell

John W. Bailey Jr.

John Boughton Delevan lves George Dagle **Demetrius Dowd** Edward Hazard William Maschemeyer **Oliver Munson** Jonathan Swift

WORLD WAR I

Edward W. Kelly Michael J. Kenney Arthur Lengyel Raoul G. Lufbery William J. McKerniss Guisippe Molinori John T. Phelan Frank Quigley

David Everett Edwin Fuller Philip Germain Harry Bartholomew Jr. Leonard Golub John Haves Frank Hoffman George Kish Joseph Koblish Henry Buijnarowski Henry Lanouette **Bernard Lindauer** William Luby Jr. Alfred Lussier George Magee Jr. Edward McCarthy Jr. Joseph Mickna Elmer Nidermayer Lucien Nowinski

Donald Parker Louis Penci Jr. Michael Pranzetelli **Donald Reynolds** Frederick Ribie Edward Riccio Hazelwood Rowe Joseph Santoro John Siedlicki Frank Sopczak Alex Turdin Vincent Valentine Anthony Vass Louis Vitelli Miroslav West Warren Williams

CIVIL WAR

Oscar Crusias Austin Phelps Edward Dollph Patrick Dunn Patrick Lynch Frederick Mayer Harry Parsons Edward Westerhood

William Reilly

John James Riley

Donald G. Russell

Stanley J. Shaw

Thomas P. Sinon

Lucien F. St. Cartier

WORLD WAR II

KOREA

Charles Fleming George Fosull Frederick Gerber **Raymond Gidney Richard Henson** Matthew Kapish

Raymond Rogers

VIETNAM

Martin Anderson Blaksley Davis Jr. **Richard DeAngelis** Edward Dorsey

Gene Fecteau Raymond C. Fenton Jr. **Renald Gagne** Richard Johnson Jr.

Timothy Keller Robert Miglierina Dominick Preira Wayne Robbins

DESERT STORM

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

Richard Lee

Andrew Pedersen-Keel

Major Michael O'Donnell sends his friend Marcus Sullivan a poem that, decades later, would be read and cherished by thousands of Vietnam Veterans and their families.

DEAR AMERICA: LETTERS HOME FROM VIETNAM A POEM

If you are able, save a place for them inside of you...

And save one backward glance when you are leaving,

for the places they can no longer go...

Be not ashamed to say you loved them,

though you may or may not have always...

Take what they have left and what they have taught you

with their dying and keep it with your own...

And in that time when men decide

and feel safe to call this war insane,

take one moment to embrace those gentle heroes you left behind.

It was the last letter Sullivan ever received from his friend. At age 24, Major Michael O'Donnell's helicopter was shot out of the sky near Dak To, Vietnam, on March 24, 1970 during a rescue mission. His body was recovered in 2001 and his remains were interred in Arlington National Cemetery.