



*Memorial
Day*

HONORING OUR FRIENDS, FAMILIES, AND HEROES

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

May 30, 2016

- 11:45am Decoration of the Alan B. Cheeseman Memorial by the American Legion
12:30pm Parade forms at American Legion Headquarters (Wenham COA)
1:00pm Salute to Colors

AMERICAN LEGION HEADQUARTERS (Wenham COA)

- Honors Decoration of the Memorial Stone and G.A.R. Memorial

Parade Route: March east on School St, left on Perkins, left on Bruce Lane, left on Arbor (where there will be a short ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial), right behind Civil War Memorial (another short ceremony), merge onto Main Street and continue to the Wenham Cemetery.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

- Welcome Peter Hersee, Grand Marshal
Honors Decoration of the Monument by the American Legion
Prayer Rev. Michael J. Duda, First Church, Wenham
National Anthem Courtney Perkins
Parade reforms March to the Civil War Monument

CIVIL WAR MONUMENT

- Honors Decoration of the Monument by the American Legion
Hymn H/W Regional HS Band: Erik Fecke, Director
Parade reforms March to the Wenham Cemetery

THE CEMETERY

- Welcome CAPT. Dean W. Pedersen CHC USNR RET
Hymn H/W Regional HS Band: Erik Fecke, Director
Remarks Michael Lucy
Roll Call Donald Luxton, Past Commander Post 182, American Legion
Selection H/W Regional HS Band: Erik Fecke, Director
Prayer Rev. Michael J. Duda, First Church, Wenham
Volley Firing Squad, Post 194, American Legion, Hamilton
Taps H/W Regional HS Band: Erik Fecke, Director
National Anthem H/W Regional HS Band: Erik Fecke, Director

- Dismissal Peter Hersee, Grand Marshal

The COA Van will be available for anyone who would like transportation to and/or from the Wenham Cemetery. Pickup & drop-off will be at Bessie Buker School. In the event of rain, the exercises will be held in the Perkins Auditorium of the Bessie Buker School.

THE HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Three years after Appomattox, several widows of soldiers who died during the Civil War petitioned the government to set aside a day when the graves of those who died could be decorated with flowers. On May 5, 1868, General Logan of The Grand Army of The Republic issued General Order 11, which designated May 30th for the purpose of "strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of this country during the late rebellion... the Civil War." As a result, this day was called Decoration Day and it was commemorated first on May 30, 1868. In 1882, The General Army of the Republic recommended that the name of the day be changed to Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress designated the last Monday in May as Memorial Day. From 1868 to the present, citizens of the United States have been encouraged through Presidential and State Proclamations to set aside time on Memorial Day to remember those who have died in defense of the values and freedoms which constitute the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Henry Audesse
George Andrews
Albert Bazylewicz
Mario Blangiardi
Stephen DeCoff
William Dupee
Gordon Estes
Alfred Gastonguay
John Moroney
John Robinson
Robert Shannehan
Warren Stevens
Joseph Trustey
Charles Walles

Special thanks are extended to the following for their support of the Memorial Day Observance:

Wenham Board of Selectmen:

John Clemenzi, Chairman
Jack Wilhelm
Catherine Harrison

Firing Squad of Post 194, American Legion led by Tony Heath
Chris Keohane, Wenham Tea House

Rev. Michael Duda, First Church, Wenham

Erik Fecke, Director, H/W Regional High School Marching Band

John Fallon Owner of the 1975 Delta 88

David Pearson Driver of the 1975 Delta 88

Appreciation is extended to the Memorial Day Observance Committee.

ORDER OF MARCH

Monday, May 30, 2016

1:00 p.m.

POLICE ESCORT

COLORS

GRAND MARSHALL

PETER HERSEE

LIEUT. NORMAN PRINCE POST 182

AMERICAN LEGION

VETERANS

ACTIVE, RESERVE, RETIRED

WENHAM SELECTMEN AND HONORED GUESTS

FIRE COMPANY

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL SCOUTS

CUB SCOUTS AND BROWNIES

HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

MARCHING BAND

MILITARY VEHICLES

POLICE