

2010 Annual Report

PUBLIC CEREMONIES COMMITTEE

The Public Ceremonies Committee (PCC) coordinates Wayland's observance of Memorial Day, and recognizes events, persons, and projects of importance to the town. Members of the 2010 committee were John Dyer, Richard Brisk, Richard Turner and Lili HoSchlafer. This year's student member was Michael Antonell.

Veterans Day November 11 2009 For Veterans Day the P.C.C. supported the Veterans Memorial Committee program at the Trinitarian Church. In addition, we held a brief program to honor the nation's veterans at the Veterans Memorial. Chairman Richard P. Turner opened the program and welcomed all to the ceremony. John Turchinetz, assisted by John Dyer, laid The Memorial Wreath honoring the dead. Names of those from Wayland who died while serving were read by former selectman Brian O'Herlihy.

Lydia Maria Child Award The committee received several nominations for this award. After reviewing each and deliberating on the comparative merits, the committee selected Gretchen G Schuler as the 2010 winner. The award will be presented at a suitable opportunity.

Freedom Prize The Committee voted to accept responsibility to administer the Wayland Veterans Memorial Freedom Prize scholarship program. An article to amend the PCC charter to authorize this has been submitted for Fall Town Meeting

Memorial Day, Monday, May 26 2010 Early ceremonies were held at Saint Zepherin's Cemetery, the World War II memorial (Lokerville Green), South and North Cemeteries, and at the Wayland Veterans Memorial. There United States, Massachusetts, Armed Services, and POW flags were installed by the Veterans Memorial Committee. The Girl Scouts, coordinated by Kathy Hodge and Veterans Agent John Turchinetz, placed U.S. flags on veterans' graves prior to the ceremonies at the cemeteries.

At 11:00 a.m. the Memorial Day Parade stepped off from Wayland Middle School for the service at Lakeview Cemetery. There, beginning at 11:30 a.m. all were welcomed by PCC Chair Richard P Turner, Selectman Chair Steven Corriea State Representative Thomas Conroy, and Major Steven Austin US Army gave the invocation. William Gilmore, Keynote speaker, related his experience as a POW in WW2. John Dyer, chair of the Veterans Memorial Committee, awarded the fourth Freedom Prize to Wayland High School student Christine Cocce.

The Wayland High School band conducted by Joseph Oneschuk, and the Middle school Band, conducted by Dianne Muffitt provided music. The High School Band featured a medley of military songs. The Band's Drum and Bugle Corps played Echo Taps with distinction at the early services as well as the main ceremony. Included throughout the day were town guests and participants from the Wayland VFW and American Legion, with Commander Reverend Arthur Srtafuss giving the closing prayer. Escorts from the Police and Fire Departments ensured a safe event Refreshments were provided at the Middle School by the Girl Scouts.

The PCC is deeply grateful to all who made the 2010 parade and ceremony such a success. In the fall of 2010 the PCC will initiate a planning session to launch a celebration of the 375th anniversary of the settlement of Sudbury Plantation and the intervening years that have evolved as the Town of Wayland. All are invited to take part.
