

PUBLIC CEREMONIES COMMITTEE

The Public Ceremonies Committee coordinates Wayland's observance of Memorial Day, and recognizes events, persons, and projects of importance to the town. Members of the 2013 committee were John Dyer, Richard Brisk, Richard Turner and Lilli Ho Schlafer.

Veterans Day, November 12, 2012 The Public Ceremonies Committee held a brief ceremony at the veterans memorial included opening remarks and the reading of the names of the Wayland Veterans killed in action from all the wars present where members of the American Legion the Wreath was laid by Veterans Agent Mathew Ching assisted by John Dyer.

Lydia Maria Child Award The committee received several nominations for this award. After reviewing each and deliberating on the comparative merits, the committee. Lea Anderson and members of the High School Building Committee was selected as the 2013 winner the award will be presented at a suitable opportunity.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2013 Early morning 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 Public Ceremonies Committee. The Girl Scouts, coordinated by Kathy Hodge and Veterans Agent Matt Ching and Richard Turner Veterans Graves Officer, 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 led By Grand Marshal LTJG. Joseph Carroll USN for the service at the Lakeview Cemetery beginning at 11:30 a.m. all were welcomed by PCC Chair Richard P Turner, Selectman Chair Douglas Leard, and an invocation. Was given by Reverend Frederic Mosher John Dyer member of the Public Ceremonies Committee was the Keynote speaker, who spoke on the War on Terror Richard Hoyt awarded the 8th Freedom Prize to Wayland High School student Charlie Nuss.

The Wayland High School band conducted by Joseph Oneschuk, and the Middle school Band, conducted by Rebecca Wellons 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 Straffus Reverend. Frederic Mosher of the Church of the holy Spirit 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 Public Ceremonies Committee is deeply grateful to all who made the 2013 parade and ceremony such a success.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2013