

PUBLIC CEREMONIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014

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 2014 committee were Richard Brisk John Dyer, Robert Hanlon, Lilli Ho Schlafer and Richard Turner.

Veterans Day November 11 2013 The Public Ceremonies Committee in collaboration with George Bernard sponsored a Veterans Day Program at the Trinitarian Church Hall at 10 a.m. Following that we held a brief ceremony at the Veterans Memorial with opening remarks and the reading of the names of the Wayland

Veterans who died while serving in all the wars. Members of the American Legion and VFW were present. Veterans Agent Mathew Ching and John Dyer placed a ceremonial wreath honoring all who served.

Lydia Maria Child Award The committee received several nominations for this award. After reviewing each and deliberating on the comparative merits, Mr. Albert Cincotti of the Wayland Public Schools was selected as the 2014 winner. The selection was announced at Annual Town Meeting. The award was presented in May.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2014

Selectmen Mary Antes and Joseph Nolan, Town Moderator Dennis Berry

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 2014 arly morning ceremonies took place at Saint Zepherin's Cemetery, the World War II memorial (Lokerville Green), South and North Cemeteries, and at the Wayland Veterans Memorial. Earlier the Public Ceremonies Committee installed United States, Massachusetts, Armed Services, and POW flags. 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 at Wayland Middle School led By Grand Marshal Edward Lee. The service at the Lakeview Cemetery began at 11:30 a.m. PCC Chair Richard P Turner and Selectman Joseph Nolan -welcomed all those present. Chaplain Michael Griffith US Army Natick Soldier Systems Center gave the invocation. Mr. Dante Montori presented the Keynote Address, about the repatriation of Japanese prisoners from Korea while serving on an LST at Tinian Island in the

Pacific Theater. Mr. John Dyer of the Public Ceremonies Cmmittee presented the 9th annual Wayland Veterans Memorial Freedom Prize to Luke Xu, a sophomore at Wayland High School.

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 and patriotic songs. The Band's Drum and Bugle Corps played Echo Taps with distinction at the early services as well as the main ceremony. Throughout the ceremony were town dignitaries and guests from the Wayland VFW and American Legion Post 133 Commander Carl Bernardo participated. Reverend Arthur Straffus gave the closing prayer. Police and Fire Departments escorts ensured a safe event. Girl Scouts distributed refreshments to marchers at the Middle School following the ceremony.

The Public Ceremonies Committee is deeply grateful to all who made the 2014 parade and ceremony a success.