

PUBLIC CEREMONIES COMMITTEE 2016

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 Carl Bernardo; John Dyer; Steven Streeter, George Bernard; Richard Turner; Sarada Kalpee; Veterans Agent is the Ex officio Member

Veterans Day November 11 2015. There was 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 were present. Veterans Agent Mathew Ching, Edward Lee, Carl Bernardo 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, Ms. Mary Ellen Castagno was selected as the 2016 winner. The selection was announced at Annual Town Meeting. The award was presented at the April 13 2016 Public Ceremonies Meeting.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 2016 Due to inclement weather the ceremony took place in the Middle School Gymnasium earlier the Public Ceremonies Committee installed United States, Massachusetts, Armed Services, and POW flags. Girl Scouts, coordinated by Maureen White and Veterans Agent Sarada Kalpee; 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 into the Wayland Middle School gymnasium led by Grand Marsha; Daniel Patterson The service in the Middle School Gymnasium began at 11:30 a.m. PCC Chair Richard P Turner and Selectman Joseph Nolan -welcomed all those present. Rev Allan Baldwin of the Trinitarian Church gave the invocation. Colonel Charles H. May US Army Deputy Military Director US Army Natick Labs presented the Keynote Address, Mr. Richard P Turner USN Ret; Chair of the Public Ceremonies Committee presented the 11th annual Wayland Veterans Memorial Freedom Prize which is a \$500.00 Scholarship Award to Julia Broomer 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 Town of Wayland and American Legion Post 133 Commander Carl Bernardo participated. Rev Allan Baldwin 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.



Richard P. Turner, Chairman of the Wayland Public Ceremonies Committee, awarded the Freedom Prize to Julia Broomer for her essay "A Practical Approach to Defeating ISIS." at the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Wayland Middle School.

The Public Ceremonies Committee is deeply grateful to all who made the 2016 parade and ceremony a success.

Vietnam Commemoration Day

On March 29 2016 the public ceremonies committee and the daughters of the American Revolution Wayside Inn Chapter and the American legion post 133 held a brief ceremony observing the last day all us ground forces were withdrawn from the Vietnam war. The Vietnam Commemorative flag was raised on the Town Building Flag Pole and a wreath was placed by Carl Bernardo Commander American Legion Post #133 and Dianna Warren Chair of Daughters of the American Revolution Wayside Inn Chapter and Richard P Turner Vietnam Veteran Chair of the Public Ceremonies Committee.