NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE: Wayland Public Ceremonies Committee, Town of Wayland

FILED BY: Donna Bouchard, Member, Public Ceremonies Committee

NAME OF EVENT: 2023 Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

DATE & TIME OF EVENT:Monday, May 29, 2023 (Parade 11:00am / Ceremony 11:30am) **LOCATION OF EVENT:**Parade Route and Lakeview Cemetery, at "The Bowl" location

(80 Commonwealth Road - Route 30 - Wayland, MA)

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Wayland to Honor Our Fallen Heroes with 2023 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony of Remembrance.

This year, Wayland resident and Purple Heart recipient, Richard P. Turner, USN RET, will serve as Grand Marshal of the Memorial Day Parade, followed by a Ceremony of Remembrance at Wayland's Lakeview Cemetery.



The Wayland Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony of Remembrance – hosted by the Wayland Public Ceremonies Committee – will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023. The parade will step off from the Wayland Middle School at 11:00 a.m. and proceed along Main Street (Route 27 South) to Commonwealth Road (Route 30 West) and end at Wayland's Lakeview Cemetery in Cochituate. This year's parade Grand Marshal will be Wayland resident and Purple Heart recipient, Richard P. Turner, USN RET.

Wayland's Ceremony of Remembrance will follow at the conclusion of the parade in Lakeview Cemetery (80 Commonwealth Road – Route 30 – Wayland, MA) at approximately 11:30am. The ceremony will honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.

This year's ceremony will feature a number of speakers, including a reading of the Gettysburg Address by Wayland High School sophomore, Alexander Irwin. The Keynote Address will be given by Lieutenant Colonel Andrew White, Commander, U.S. Army Garrisons Natick Soldier Systems Center.

The patriotic music program will be performed by the Wayland High School and Middle School bands, as well as Wayland's own Victoria Gitten. The Memorial Day Ceremony of Remembrance will conclude with the playing of Echo Taps, a Rifle Salute by the American Legion Firing Detail, and Benediction.

In the event of rain, the parade will be canceled and the Memorial Day Ceremony of Remembrance will be held indoors, at 11:00am in the Wayland Middle School Gymnasium. We welcome all who can attend. We also invite those unable to attend in person to view the live recording of the Ceremony of Remembrance on WayCAM.