

PUBLIC CEREMONIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2015

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 2014. 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 and 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. Katrein Vander Straeten was selected as the 2015 winner. The selection was announced at Annual Town Meeting. The award was presented at the April 18 2015 Public Ceremonies Meeting .

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 2015 Early 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, Veterans Agent Matt Ching, and Veterans Graves Officer Richard Turner, 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.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2015

Daisy Troops 69199 and 66268 line up at the start of the parade.

Michael Patterson The service at the Lakeview Cemetery began at 11:30 a.m. PCC Chair Richard P. Turner and Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen Mary Antes welcomed all those present. Chaplain Gerald St. Pierre, US Air Force, Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford, Massachusetts, gave the invocation. Mr. Mathew Lupold presented the Keynote Address about his experiences as a B17 navigator. Mr. Richard P. Turner, USN Ret and Chair of the Public Ceremonies Committee, presented the 10th annual Wayland Veterans Memorial Freedom Prize, which is a \$500.00 Scholarship Award, to Sara Tully, 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. American Legion Post 133 Commander Carl Bernardo also participated. Chaplain Gerald St Pierre 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 2015 parade and ceremony a success.

Purple Heart Recognition Day,
Friday, August 7 2015

A brief ceremony was held at the flagpole at the Town Building. Richard P Turner USN RET, Chair of the Public Ceremonies Committee, and a recipient of the Purple Heart, read the proclamation designating the town as a Purple Heart community. The Purple Heart flag was raised by Richard Turner, Chair of the Public Ceremonies Committee. Carl Bernardo, Commander of American Legion Past #133 Wayland, was in attendance, as well as Thomas Russo, William Scannell, and Veterans Agent Matt Ching.

The Flag will be flown every year on August 7th.