

Below are the astounding (estimated) numbers of lives that have been lost due to the ravages of war:

	Chester Residents who Served
American Revolution: 4,435	85
War of 1812: 2,260	
Mexican War: 13,283	
Civil War: 618,000	62
Spanish-American War: 2,446	
World War I: 116,516	55
World War II: 405,399	171
Korean War: 36,574	46
Vietnam War: 58,220	55
Gulf War: 383	
Iraq/Afghanistan: 6,773 (through May 2016)	
TOTAL approximately 1.2 million people	

Master of Ceremonies: Carl Baldasaro
Honor Guard: Stevel Salvini, Sue Volrath & Glenn Posey
Color Guard: Tom Huntoon, Lora Wade, Harry Sanner,
Transportation of Veterans: Terry Murphy and Tom Broga with veterans
Leonard Alexander, Neil Wheeler, Ed Carrington and Ralph Brown.

Special Thanks to the following:

Janice Brown, Fay Piergiovanni, Barbara Pease Huntoon, Jessica Sakaske,
Ann Daley and Florence Bolduc.

2022 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE Chester, Massachusetts



May 30, 2022

10:00AM

Chester Town Hall

Town of Chester 2022 Memorial Day Ceremony Program

Master of Ceremonies: Carl Baldasaro, Deputy Chief - CFD

Pledge of Allegiance led by Gage Laurie

“Star Spangled Banner” – Band/All

Invocation given by Pastor Sue Borsella, 1st Congregational Church

Placing of the Wreaths at Veteran Memorials – Boy Scouts; Ethan Silvagni, James Von Deck, Avery Wagner, Wes Daningburg

Salute to Fallen and Taps

Honor Guard: Steve Salvini, Sue Volrath & Glen Posey

“Taps” – Jackson Harding

“America the Beautiful” – All/Band

Welcome by Carl Baldasaro, Deputy Chief Chester Fire Department

Introduction of Board of Selectmen John Baldasaro, Richard Holzman, Jason Fogue.

Keynote Speaker: Rosemary Dalesandro – Nicholas Dalesando, Bronze Star & POW Japan for 3 ½ years, Bataan Death March.

Presentation of plaque for Bronze Star Vietnam Veterans of Chester by Richard Holzman.

Seated in cars of Terry Murphy, U.S. Air Force and Tom Broga, Marine Corp. are veterans Ed Carrington, U.S. Air Force; Ralph Brown, U.S. Marines; Leonard Alexander, Neil Wheeler

“My Country Tis of Thee” - Band

“America” sung by Herr Family – Vivienne, Carolyn, Evelyn, Gwendolyn and Judson

Katie Harding – Project 351 Ambassador to read Governor Baker's Memorial Day Proclamation

Announcement of Winners of Essays (Essay winners are invited to read their essays)

First Grade	1 st – Blake Sakaske	2 nd – Mia Lagacy
Second Grade	1 st – Sophia Stone Mia Hoffman	2 nd – Bentley Mitchell
Third Grade	1 st – Dalton Robitaille	2 nd – Kolby Brant
Fourth Grade	1 st – Hayley Hussey	2 nd – Steven Savoy
Fifth Grade	1 st – Caleigh Poridrier	2 nd – Khaos Bliss 2 nd – Madison Brant

“Grand Old Flag” – Band

Benediction by Pastor Dan Herr, Chester Baptist Church

George & Martha Washington – Paul & Judy Young

Procession of Chester Factory Village Cemetery led by Color Guard: Lora Wade, Tom Huntoon, Harry Sanner down Main Street then on to Chester Factory Village Cemetery where a Final Tribute will be made to our Fallen.

Ragged Old Flag read by Scout Eddie Harding

Honor Guard Salute to the Fallen

“Taps” by Scout Jackson Harding

“Amazing Grace” – Led by Herr Family/All

Benediction – Pastor Dan Herr

Poppies passed out by Boy Scout Troop 120

*The red poppy is the official symbol of remembrance

All our invited to the Fire Station for light refreshments

To veterans of past wars and current conflicts who responded to the call of their country, placed their lives on the line on our behalf when asked to do so, we thank you.