HONORED SPEAKERS

2014  Kris DeGlopper-Banks
2013  Paul T. Dansereau, US Army
2012  Peter Morelock, US Marine Corps Reserves
2011  Fred Wornick, US Navy
2010  Tim J. McCoy, US Air Force Reserve
2009  David Di Tullio, US Army
2008  Patrick Soos, US Army
2007  David Conboy, US Army Reserve
2006  Stephen M Jones, Air National Guard
2004  Michael J. Owen, US Navy
2003  Eugene Dinsmore –SFC US Army Reserve
2002  R. Charles DeGlopper
2001  Leo Ricci, US Navy
2000  Keith H. Coffey, USAF (R)
1998  Kelly Carrigg, 82nd Airborne Div. US Army
1997  Francis B. Pritchard, US Army
1996  Dr. Tim Dzierba, US Army
1994  Joseph Synakowski, 82nd Airborne Div. US Army
1993  Colonel Tony Caruana, 98th Div. US Army Reserve
1992  Gary Douglas Delong, US Coast Guard Reserve
1991  Michael S. O’Dea, US Naval Reserve
1990  Colonel Thomas W. Sabo, 98th Division US Army
1989  Lt. Colonel Franklyn McKee, NY Air National Guard
1988  1st Lieutenant Margaret S. White, US Army
1987  Colonel Francis B. Brusino, US Army Air Reserve
1986  Colonel George F. Crowe, 27th Armored Div., USAR
1985  Stephen Kaplan, Air National Guard
1984  US Congressman Henry J. Nowak
1983  State Senator John B. Daley
1982  Colonel “Chaplin” Donald R. Hughes

USS Missouri and the Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor
In tribute….
This morning we are assembled together to remember our honored dead who made the supreme sacrifice in each of our nation’s wars. Wars that were fought to turn back tyranny, wars fought so that we may stand together this morning to enjoy our freedom and to pursue our dreams of happiness. In this lovely park that was dedicated by our citizens we pay tribute to a fellow Islander, Pfc. Charles N. DeGlopper who gave his life in WWII and was posthumously awarded our nation’s highest honor, The Congressional Medal of Honor. Equally honored by us today are Islanders whose names are so proudly announced, the names engraved on the monument before us.

All were Island boys who gave their young lives far too soon so that each of us could live in a democratic nation with liberty and freedom from fear. We must remember that they themselves never knew the joy of married life with their sweethearts, of watching their children play and grow, of holding their grandchildren or of pursuing their dreams in a career.

Because of this, we have Memorial Day. As we leave here this morning to go home to our picnics with family and friends, we must be mindful, today and every day, that we do so because of the hundreds of thousands of our young men and women who laid down their lives for us. Perhaps the finest tribute we can pay to those who gave so much is to remain ever vigilant so that someday war will never again inflict its malicious horrors upon us.

Program

Introduction ...................... Nathan McMurray
Town Supervisor

Gold Star Mothers: Shirley Luther and Family
Mary Ann Crowe and Family

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge to the flag……………. Christian Eshelman
and the National Anthem ……… GIHS Wind Ensemble
Director: Marty Allen

Invocation………………. American Legion Post
Chaplain Joe Mesmer

Musical Selection……………… GIHS Wind Ensemble

Roll Call………………… American Legion Post
Joe Synakowski

Silent prayer ………………. Nathan McMurray

Musical Selection ……………… GIHS Wind Ensemble

Guest Speakers……………. First Lt. Benjamin J. Soos
U.S. Army
Second Lt. Nicholas A. Soos
U.S. Army

Gift Presentation ……………… Nathan McMurray

Presentation of Wreath……… VFW, American Legion
Christian Eshelman
Ray DeGlopper

Rifle Salute & Taps……………. VFW & American
Legion Honor Guards
HS Trumpet players

Raising of the Flag…………… American Legion
Rich Bonarek

Closing Remarks……………. Nathan McMurray

Musical Selection…………… GIHS Wind Ensemble

Benediction……………….. American Legion Post
Chaplain Joe Mesmer

ROLL CALL

In memory of those men and women who gave their lives in defense of their country:

World War I
Edward Pierce

World War II
Charles N. DeGlopper
Eugene F. Dinsmore
William D. Gillen
Francis King Goodchild
William L. Rohde
Howard W. Salton
Charles A. Smith
George E. Smith

The Korean War
George Kenny
Albert Kepler

The Vietnam War
Joseph A. I’Huillier
Robert B. Luther
Joseph E. Muench
Philip C. Taylor
Richard B. Trotter

Operation Iraqi Freedom
Terrence K. Crowe

Representing our American Service groups:
Veterans of Foreign Wars
American Legion