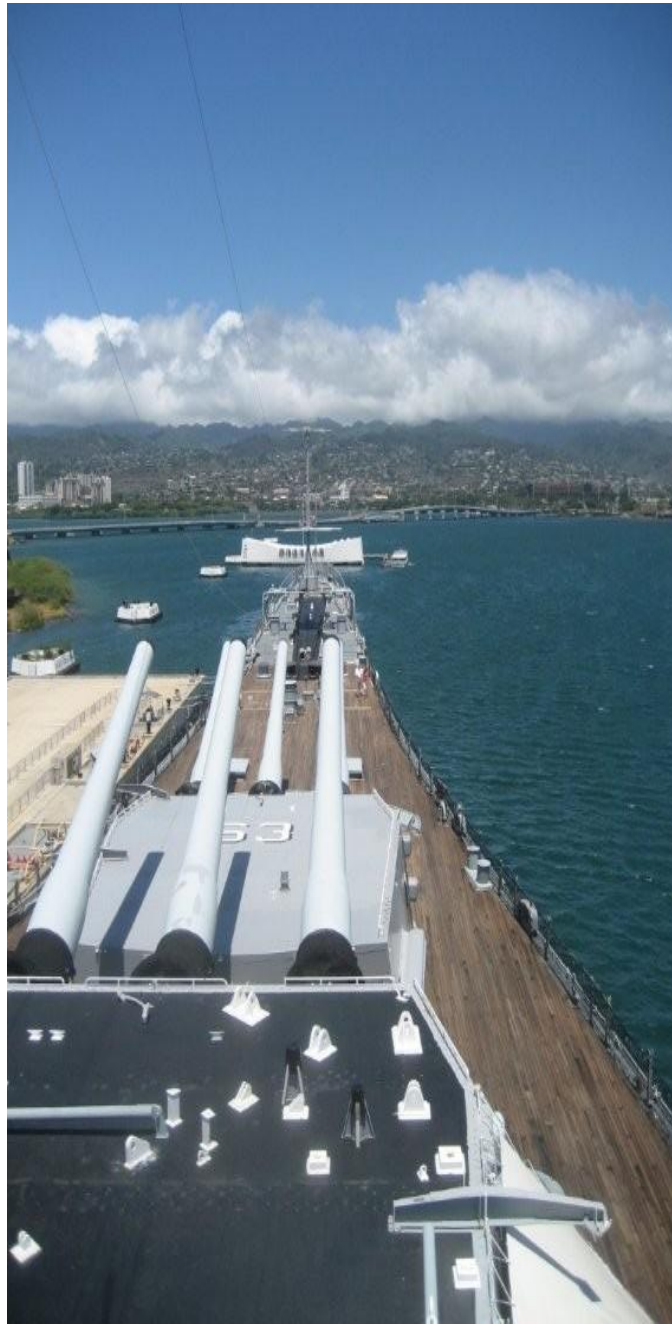


HONORED SPEAKERS

- 2016 **Colonel John J. Higgins**, Ret. U.S. Air Force
2015 **Christian Eshelman**, U.S. Air Force
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
2005 **Douglas Routt**, US Air Force
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)
1999 **Thomas F. Higgins**, US Marine Corps.
1998 **Kelly Carrigg**, 82nd Airborne Div. US Army
1997 **Francis B. Pritchard**, US Army
1996 **Dr. Tim Dzierba**, US Army
1995 **Tony Melchiorre**, US Air Force
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**
1981 **Major Edward Carlsen**, US Air Force
1980 **Major Lance Tlustos**, US Air Force



USS Missouri and the Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor



Town of Grand Island
Memorial Day Ceremony
Charles N. DeGlopper Memorial Park
May 29, 2017
10:00 AM

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..... and the National Anthem	Christian Eshelman 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. L'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