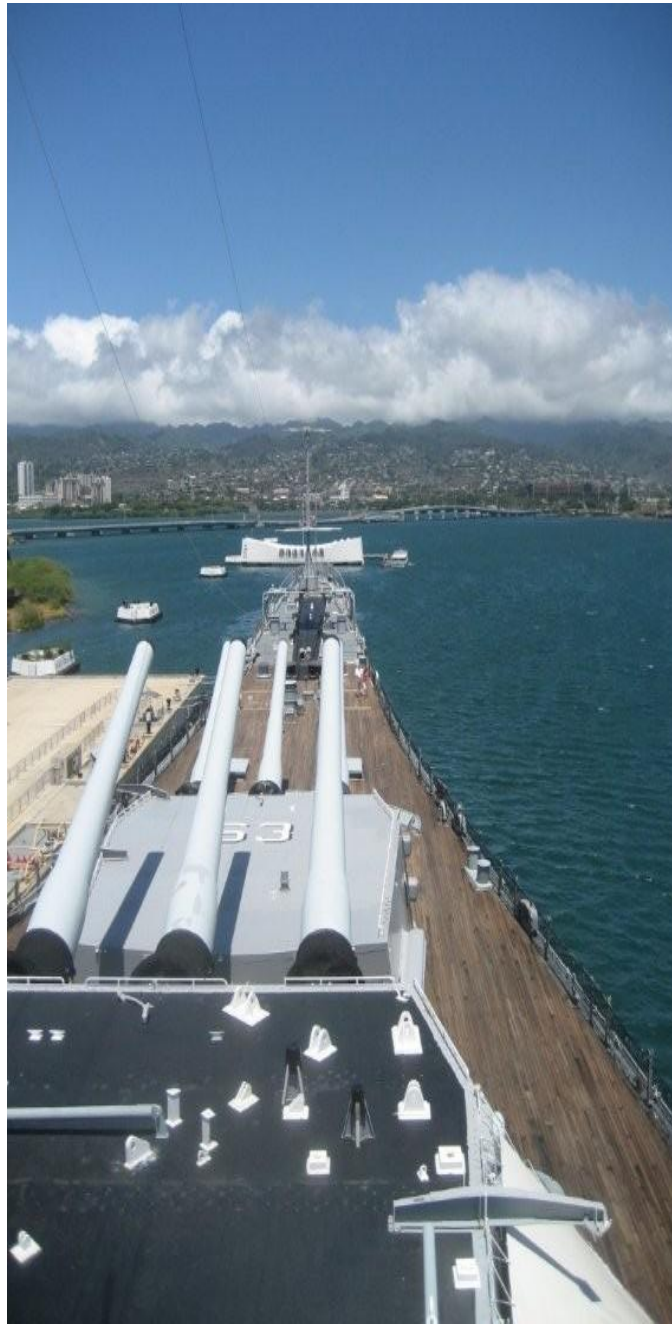


## HONORED SPEAKERS

- 2017 **Benjamin J. Soos**, U.S. Army  
**Nicholas A. Soos**, U.S. Army
- 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**, 82<sup>nd</sup> 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**, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Div. US Army
- 1993 **Colonel Tony Caruana**, 98<sup>th</sup> 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**, 98<sup>th</sup> Division US Army
- 1989 **Lt. Col. Franklyn McKee**, NY Air National Guard
- 1988 **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Margaret S. White**, US Army
- 1987 **Colonel Francis B. Brusino**, US Army Air Reserve
- 1986 **Colonel George F. Crowe**, 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28, 2018  
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..... 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... ..... Lt. Namon R. Dimitroff,  
U.S. Coast Guard
  
- Gift Presentation ..... Nathan McMurray
  
- Presentation of Wreath..... VFW, American Legion  
Mike Cutini  
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