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MONUMENTS & CEREMONIES COMMISSION
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Monuments and Ceremonies Commission

Minutes of May 12, 2009 Meeting

Chairman, Phil Kraft called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. with Commissioners Edward Carabillo, John Geoghegan, David Polett, Karen Polett, Ken Reiss, Bob Riith, Charles Scribner, and George Walsh attending. Police officers, Anderson and Pavia attended as did RTM liaison, Gene Coyle.

Minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Ken Reiss, second Charles Scribner.

Parade business: Phil Kraft has ordered two sets of numbers to be placed on poles designating each Parade Division. The Parade will have four divisions this year. In the past, Parades have had five Divisions. Gary Pavia mentioned that the pink slips placed on the windshields were helpful last year. Phil will try to make these for members to give out at the Registration Desk this year again since they were not mailed as in the past. Radio/walkie talkies will again be used by Division leaders. The parking lot will be taped off and only shoppers and vehicles participating in the Parade will be allowed in to park. Drivers of vehicles are asked to only drop off marchers and not park in the shopping center. Coloring Contest winners will again ride in a Police car, which will be parked near the Historical Society as in past years. Irish dancers will march respectfully rather than dancing on the Parade route. The VFW Honor Guard will attend the Parade and the Cemetery ceremony. Wreaths will be delivered to the Police Department by Springdale Florist and placed at the Cemetery monument by Dave Polett.

Tudor Singers will sing the National Anthem and their director will act as the sound director for the various microphones etc. The Police Color Guard will go to the beach for the ceremony there.

Phil Kraft was contacted by Harley Owners Group Director and asked for a certificate of insurance to assure that the Parade route is covered by the town of Darien's insurance. Phil will write a letter to the Director explaining the coverage.

Flags will be placed on veterans' graves in the Spring Grove Veterans' Cemetery on the afternoon of May 20, by Charles Scribner with the aid of Bob Riith and the Boy Scouts. Phil Kraft will contact the flyover to be sure they are participating. The 9-11 truck will participate. Gene Coyle asked for support for the Veteran's Section to be published in the Darien Times newspaper. (See attached sample of ad) Publicizing these photos and names is very expensive and donations are requested. Phil has bios for both Linda Schwartz and Mickey Doyle for newspapers. An Ox Ridge student will recite the Pledge of Allegiance this year. Chick, Dave, Bob and Ken will help hang the bunting around the Speaker's Platform with Phil at 7 A.M. on May 25, prior to the Parade.

Little Leaguers are collecting for care packages for soldiers in both Iraq and Afghanistan Contact DarienVFW.org for more information. Phil noted that the Web Master at the Darien VFW gave the young group several good ideas.

Marian Castell, Karen Polett, David Polett and Ken Reiss will man the Registration Desk again this year. Phil Kraft will head Division 1; Ed Carabillo will head Division 2; Chick will head Division 3; and Ken will head Division 4.

Phil asked Commission members who could attend to please come to the Darien High School on Friday, May 22, at 8 A.M. when students will display flags in commemoration of Memorial Day.

Approval was given to Phil Kraft to spend money to purchase signs, 2 magnetic signs for the Grand Marshall's car and assorted Parade necessities on a motion by Bob Riith; second by D. Polett. Phil also noted that he has ordered new flags for the highway overpasses. On a motion by Phil Kraft, second Ken Reiss the amount of \$500. was approved for payment to the Director of the Tudor Singers for setting up and manning the sound equipment.

Chick said that the chairs for both the reviewing stand and the speaker's platform will be provided by Noroton Heights Fire Department. They will also lend their generator, and bell.

Dave Polett discussed the World War II Veterans' Award being planned for July at Darien high School when the Secretary of the State of Connecticut will present awards to these vets. Currently 72 names of Darien residents have been collected and these men and women are listed for this honor. Hopefully, the July 18, date at 10:00 A.M. will work for all. David volunteered to contact Susan Bysiewicz with the date and time. The Summer Band has agreed to play. David will update the Commission as he receives word from Susan.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 P.M. on a motion by Ed Carabillo; second John Geoghegan. Next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 P.M. on June 9, 2009.

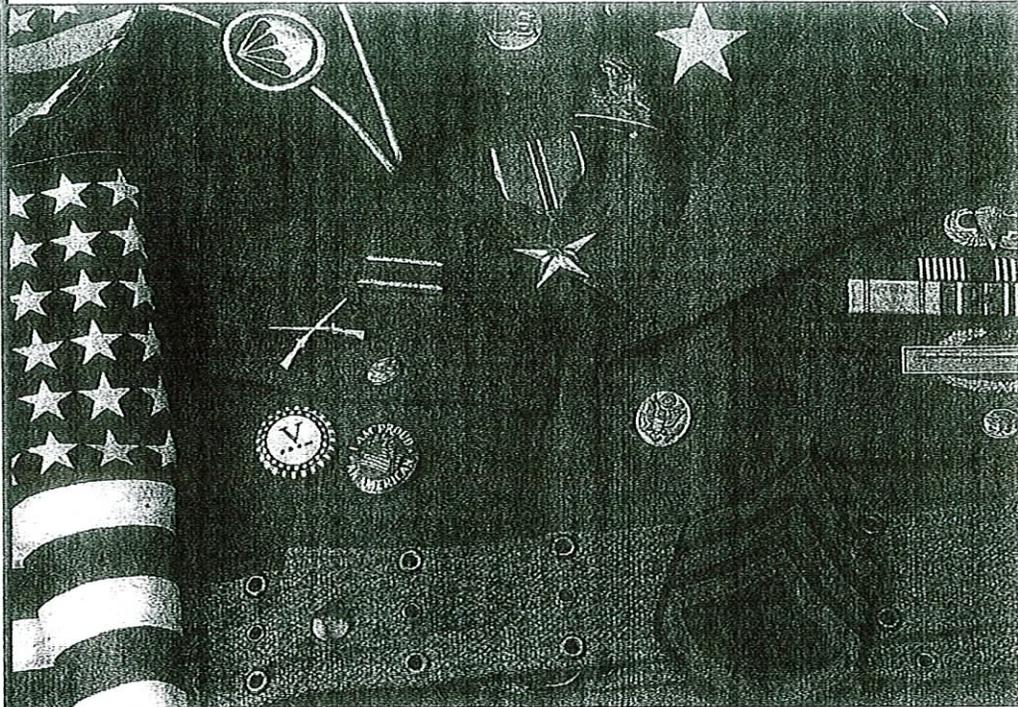
Submitted by,



Karen Kreitzberger Polett

Secretary ,

*Home of the Free,
Thanks to the Brave.*



In Honor of the Brave,

The **DARIEN TIMES**

will publish its annual **Memorial Day Section**
on May 21st. Be a part of this special section
and show your support to the brave men and
women who have served our Country.

Deadline: Monday, May 18 at 3p.m.

Ad size: 3 col x 3"

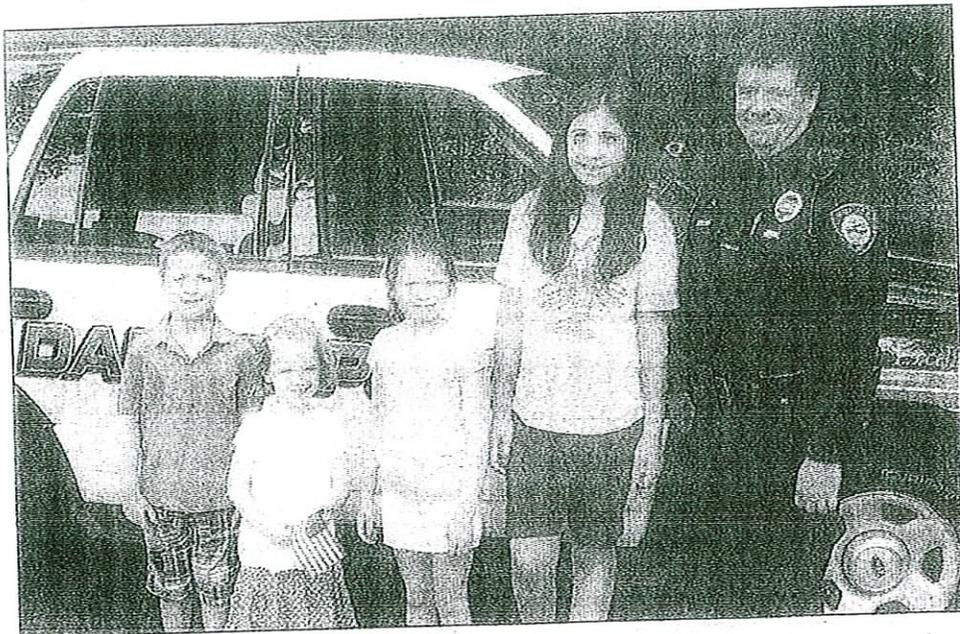
More than one ad box can be purchased.

Contact **Elizabeth Coté**
for pricing and to place an ad in this section.
966-9541 ext 106 or ecote@acorn-online.com

WORLD WAR II DARIEN RESIDENTS

NAME	LAST NAME	ADDRESS	TOWN	STATE	ZIP CODE	PHONE	BRANCH	E-MAIL	CELL
Carl William	Alberni	102 Hecker Avenue	Darien	CT	06820	655-9070			
James M	Baker	47 Five Mile River Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-1008			
John	Barston	28 Sedgewick Village Lane	Darien	CT	06820	655-0133			
Robert P	Balden	160 Holmes Avenue	Darien	CT	06820	324-1963			
James A	Benham	21 Gerner Trail	Norwalk	CT	06854		Pearl Harbor	jimbp39@hotmail.com	
Paul	Byrne	50 Ledge Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-1762	Army		
Edward	Caraballo	112 Raymond St	Darien	CT	06820	656-3173			
Joseph	Deblasi	397 Middlesex Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-3282			
Joseph	DeCarlo	8 Little Brook Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-7264			
Mary	DeCarlo	10 Greenwood Avenue	Darien	CT	06820	322-5802			
Joseph	Delle Fontane	34 Sedgewick Village Lane	Darien	CT	06820	655-4731			
William R	Doughman	10 Roceton Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-6517			
Stuart	Duffield	27 Georgian Lane	Darien	CT	06820	348-9512			
Gerald A	Elkann	137 Hollow Tree Ridge Rd #913	Darien	CT	06820	202-2938			
Walter	Ericsson	36 Richmond Drive	Darien	CT	06820	655-4781			
Rocco	Evola	19 Robinhood Lane	Darien	CT	06820	656-3934			
John C	Faulkner	27 Nearwater Lane	Darien	CT	06820	655-3279			
Orlando	Francesconi	37 Riddeley Street	Darien	CT	06820	655-2990	Army	nanadrack@nyrrailstation.com	
John	Geoghegan	14 Harriet Lane	Darien	CT	06820	655-9532			216-4706
Everett F.	Gidley, Jr.	66 Kimberly Place	New Canaan	CT	06840	966-3443			
Harry	Graham	37 Hazel Street	Darien	CT	06820	348-5180			
Jack	Hanley	371 West Avenue	Darien	CT	06820	348-9085			
Roger	Haydock	10 Winding Lane	Darien	CT	06820	655-7371			
Donald I.	Hoves	9 Lake Drive	Darien	CT	06820	323-8589			
Martin	Kiggins	174 Raymond Street	Darien	CT	06820	655-9661			
Alonzo	Lucente	50 Ledge Road	Darien	CT	06820	656-1150	1st Airborne Army		
George	Mafrucci	16 Bittersweet Lane	Darien	CT	06820	357-7033			
John A	Mason	10 Bailey Avenue	Darien	CT	06820	655-1240			
Bill	Maul	29 Intervale Road	Darien	CT	06820	323-5321			
Sigmund J	McIntire	50 Ledge Road, Apt 205	Darien	CT	06820	655-0334			
Gene	Montgomery	wife/Ruth Montgomery	Darien	CT	06820	655-7432			
Frederick	Poccia	16 Wislar Court	Darien	CT	06820	655-3685			
Robert	Price	170 Hollow Tree Ridge Road	Darien	CT	06820	661-8883	Army		
Elliott	Prival	PO Box 1271	Darien	CT	06820	655-4458	Army		
James	Pullisano	11 Shady Acres Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-4458			
John	Rikert	23 Shields Road	Darien	CT	06820	656-3393	wants to transfer		
Harvie E	Schwartz	12 Brookside Drive	Darien	CT	06820	325-1493			
Charles	Scribner	88 Rock Rimmom Road	Stamford	CT	06903	595-9508			
Charles	Snyder	7 Fairfield Avenue	Darien	CT	06820	655-4830			
Henry	Strauss	5 Evergreen Terrace	Darien	CT	06820	853-1555			
George	Swissheim	11 Baywater Drive	Darien	CT	06820	655-4698			
Sam J	Testa	37 Phillips lane	Darien	CT	06820	348-9633			
Caray	Tharp, Jr.	111 Hollow Tree Ridge Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-3427	T/5 Tech Sgt Army		
Isabelle	Van De Velde	50 Ledge Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-0033	Navy		
Herbert	Vernal, jr.	50 Ledge Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-0519	French Resistance		
George J.	Walsh	13 Patton Drive	Darien	CT	06820	655-9091			
Kenneth	Weeks	24 Pasture Lane	Darien	CT	06820	662-9537	Lt Cmdr USNR		
Stephen	Zanrillo	3 Old Stone Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-9052			
George	Sposito	214 Long Neck Point	Darien	CT	06820	655-0143	Navy		
Raymond	Pace	45 Fitch Avenue	Darien	CT	06820	655-0009	Army		
		22 Thomasina Lane	Darien	CT	06820	655-0009			

Walter J.	Brunnef		3 Richmond Hill Road	Norwalk	CT	06854	866-4338	Navy		
Charles	Adcock		241 Noroton Avenue	Darien	CT	06820	655-1617			
Joseph	Augustus		19 William Street	Darien	CT	06820	323-7363			
William C	Bell		26 Edgewood Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-2610			
Paul	Chase		65 Shadow Ridge Road	Stamford	CT	06905	322-2110	Brother Joe lost	In WWII	
Byron	Dugdale		18 Archer Lane	Darien	CT	06820	655-4277			
Charles	Gerstenmaier		43 DuBois St	Darien	CT	06820	655-0515			
Edward	Heinbaugh		c/o Ron Heinbaugh Outlook Drive	Darien	CT	06820	655-0538			
John	Jordan		90 Gardiner Street	Darien	CT	06820	655-2854			
Joe	Lasko		51 Brookside Drive	Darien	CT	06820				
John	Lasko		51 Brookside Drive	Darien	CT	06820				
Eugene	Maher			Darien	CT	06820				
Charles	Markelon		29 Oak Hill Avenue	Norwalk	CT	06854	838-8786			
Dominick	Miceli		22 Nickerson Lane	Darien	CT	06820				
Phillip	Morehouse		22 Morehouse Drive	Darien	CT	06820				
Lawrence	Nardine		23 Prospect Ave	Norwalk	CT	06850				
Rocco	Palmer		75 Ring's End Road	Darien	CT	06820				
Charles	Saverine		67 Coachlamp Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-0150	Navy		
William Reid	Smith-Vaniz, Jr.		14 Pasture Lane	Darien	CT	06820	655-2295	USNR	reidsv@optonline.net	
Raymond	Street		14 S Mile River Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-2816			
Frank	Valente		289 West Avenue	Darien	CT	06820	655-2043			
Herbert	Van Sciver		178 Tokeneke Road	Darien	CT	06820	655-2342			



COLORING CONTEST WINNERS — Garrett Stauffer, left, Katherine Kahn, Maggie Brooks and Julia Cornacchia, with Darien Police Lt. Raymond Osborne were winners of the Memorial Day Coloring Contest co-sponsored by The Darien Times and the Darien Monuments & Ceremonies Commission. All four winners rode in a Darien police car in the Memorial Day parade and received a savings bond certificate at the Spring Grove Veteran's Cemetery ceremony after the parade.

LETTERS

It was dismaying to see disrespectful children at parade

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To the Editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed my first Memorial Day parade in Darien. It was terrific to see the community come together to honor our fallen heroes. Darien has much to be proud of as evidenced by the multitude of youth and adult organizations that participated in the parade.

One aspect of the event, however, rubbed me the wrong way. Admittedly I'm not a big parade-goer, but when did throwing poppers (snappers) and shooting Silly String at those marching in the parade become the thing to do?

I was taken by surprise when I watched children, many of whom looked to be four or five years old, run onto the street to throw poppers at complete strangers.

That was bad enough, but they also threw them at the various veteran groups marching or riding in convertibles. The parents of the children were nearby and didn't try to stop the behavior, so apparently they didn't see anything wrong with the actions. I have two young boys and I would never dream of allowing them to throw snapping objects at strangers — especially veterans on Memorial Day.

I understand children need to have fun, and I'm not against poppers or Silly String in general, but I don't think they should be used in such a disrespectful way. Maybe I'm just getting old, but it seems like common sense to me.

Chris Bosak
23 Hollow Tree Ridge
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To the Edit

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THE ORIGIN OF MEMORIAL DAY

The custom of honoring our war dead on a special day was begun in 1868, when General John A. Logan a Civil War hero and the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), the Union veterans organization in Washington designated the 30th day of May be observed as a day for "strewing with flower or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion."

That custom became a tradition when the GAR made honoring Civil War dead a civic duty for all citizens. Until 1882, the practice of placing flowers at gravesites was then known as Decoration Day.

Perhaps the most profound tribute of all was made on the first national memorial observance in May 1868 by another hero of the war General James A. Garfield who was to become the 20th President of the United States, when he said: "they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and made immortal their patriotism and virtue."

A number of States legalized May 30th as Memorial Day and an Act of Congress, approved on August 1, 1888, made Memorial Day a legal holiday. The National Holiday Act of 1971 (Public Law 90-363) declared it a national holiday and placed it on the last Monday in May.

Special Thanks To:

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

NOROTON HEIGHTS FIRE DEPT.
DARIEN POLICE DEPT.
SPRINGDALE FLORIST

HONOR GUARDS:

^{at}
REVIEWING STAND
Dana Locher, Troop 50152
Reed Morgan, Troop 53

^{at}
SPEAKER'S PLATFORM
Alice Childley, Troop 50152
Michael Johnston, Troop 53

TROOPS 35 & 53, BOYSCOUTS OF AMERICA

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And to all the others who helped make this Memorial Day Observance possible.

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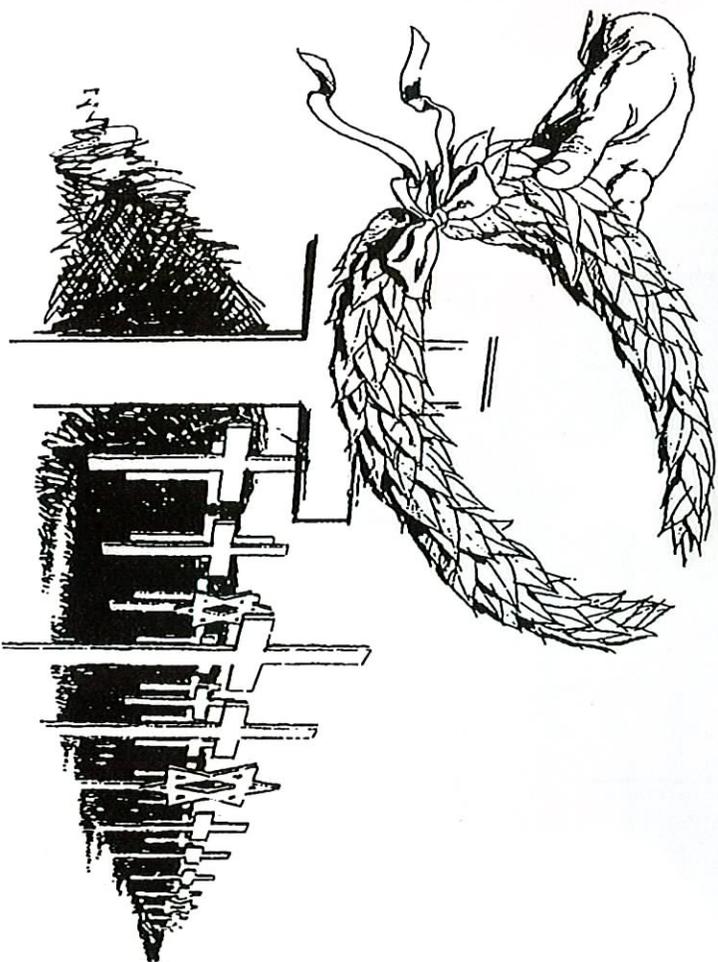
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TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 25, 2009
Michael "Mickey" Doyle, US Army
Parade Grand Marshal



Memorial Day Ceremonies

Monday, May 25, 2009

at the State of Connecticut Veterans' Cemetery

Hecker Avenue and the Post Road

Dedication

This year's Memorial Day Parade is dedicated to all of Darien's World War II veterans, both living and deceased.

Prayer of Invocation: *Rev. Dr. Anthony Gibson, Calvary Baptist Church*

Introductions: *Phillip Kraft, Monuments and Ceremonies Commission*

Darien Times Coloring Contest Winners: *To Be Announced*

Pledge of Allegiance: *Ox Ridge School 5th Grader Dana H. "DH" Cahoon*

Names of Darien Men Killed in Wars: *Evonne M. Klein, First Selectwoman*
(Three rings of the bell reflects respect and honor to those who gave their lives to their duty.)

General Logan's Order No. 11, Grand Army of the Republic:

Star Scout John Thomas Ficigna, Troop 35

National Anthem: *Darien High School Tudor Singers*

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address: *Junior Girl Scout Celia Rogers, Troop 50152*

God Bless America: *Tudor Singers*

Guest Speaker: *Commissioner Linda Spooner Schwartz, Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs*

Presentation of Memorial Flowers: *Grand Marshal Mickey Doyle, Commissioner Schwartz, and First Selectwoman Klein*

Firing Squad: *Darien VFW Honor Guard*

Taps: *Kristen Carey, Darien High School Band*

Prayer of Benediction: *Rev. Dr. Anthony Gibson, Calvary Baptist Church*

Let us always keep in our thoughts and prayers all who currently serve our Nation at home and overseas.

Flyover

CT Army National Guard Joint Operations

Naval Ceremonies at Pear Tree Point

Following the above services, Memorial Services will be held for Coast Guard, Naval and Marine Corps personnel who gave their lives for our country. All are invited to attend.

DARIEN ROLL of HONOR

Darien residents who answered the call and made the supreme sacrifice during America's wars

CIVIL WAR, 1861 - 1865	CARL ACHERMAN JAMES H. BATES LEWIS H. BENEDICT JOSEPH BUSHY NATHAN R. BYXBE CHARLES H. CLOCK HORACE CURTIS PHILIP FORTUNE MICHAEL HARMON FREDERICK HENDERSON WILLIAM H. HOWE	WILLIAM H. HOWMAN EDWARD S. HOYT ISAAC I. HOYT ELIAS JOHNSON GEORGE D. JORDAN FRANK LAROCHE SAMUEL MAGUIE JOHN MALLON WILLIAM H. NORTRORP GABRIEL W. PLATT JOHN PRICE	FRANKLIN H. SCOFFIELD ALBERT O. SEELEY SHLAS F. SLAWSON THOMAS SMITH JACOB W. VINCENT JOSEPH VOID ISAAC WEED RAYMOND WEED ADOLPH WERNER JAMES A. WHALEY GEORGE W. WILMOT
WORLD WAR ONE, 1917 - 1918	DAVID C. BISPHAM LAWRENCE F. CALLAHAN MARTIN H. GILL	WILFRED T. LOWNDES MURTAGH C. McDONALD	EDWARD G. PUNZELT ERNEST F. SEXTON GEORGE STRAKA
WORLD WAR TWO, 1941 - 1945	SANFORD ADAMS ERIC ALLEN WILLIAM A. AYCRIIGG II ELTON S. BARETT ORRIN K. BOICE JAMES BUTTS JOSEPH A. CHASE PETER T. CHESTER HORACE G. CLEVELAND III LOUIS COITALING DAVID O. DEVLIN ANTHONY R. FRAITE DONALD FROTHINGHAM, JR. HAROLD D. PARADY	RAYMOND L. HOWE PASQUALE G. IMPROTA LAWRENCE H. ISBELL THOMAS W. JENKINS JEFFERSON M. JOHNSON JOHN L. MASTERSON GEORGE R. MILLER ALAN R. MOREHOUSE ARTHUR L. NIELSEN WILLIAM T. O'NEILL, JR. FRANCIS W. O'TOOLE OITIS OVERTON ROSARIO F. PALUMBERI HAROLD D. PARADY	KENNETH C. PHILLIPS JOHN PYNE LOUIS E. RAYNER THOMAS F. RENDLER DAVID L. ROSENBERG CHARLES B. ROSSI GORDON S. SMITH THOMAS F. SMITH STEPHEN J. TANSAK TORGER D. TOKLE JULIUS W. TOROK ANTHONY VITTI CLARENCE C. WALKER
KOREAN WAR 1950 - 1953	GEORGE R. BROADHURST JAMES A. DOOLEY, JR. EUGENE MURPHY JULIUS C. NACCI ROBERT J. PERKINSON	ALAN I. DIEDRICKSEN JOHN B. GIESEN, JR. JAMES S. MCARTHUR DAVID I. MIXTER WILLIAM R. PATIENCE, JR. JOHN B. SHERMAN	
VIETNAM WAR, 1958 - 1975			

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,

At the going down of the sun and in the morning...

We will remember them.

-- Exhortation from the Military Order of the Purple Heart